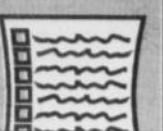


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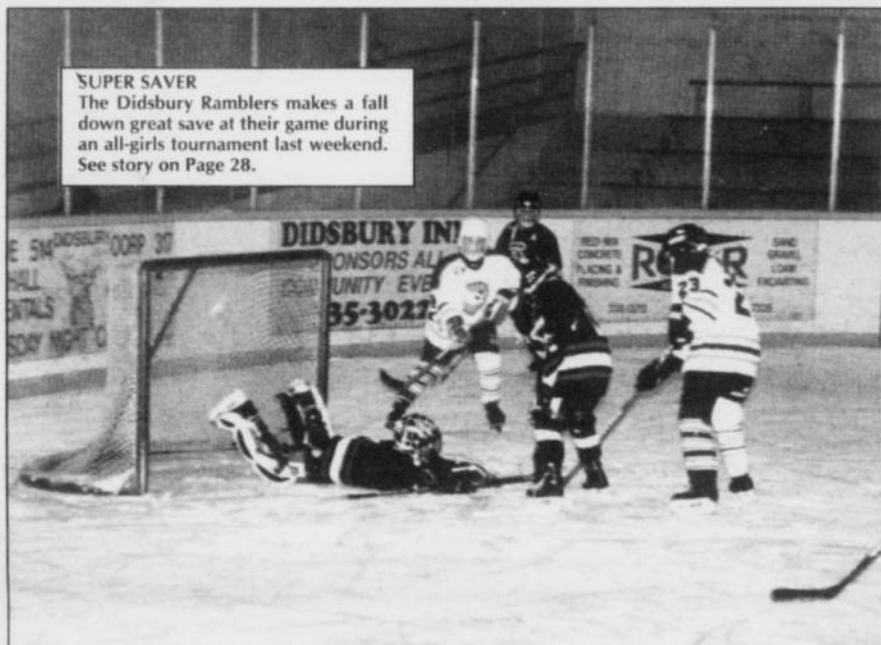
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### SUPER SAVER

The Didsbury Ramblers makes a fall down great save at their game during an all-girls tournament last weekend. See story on Page 28.



## Legal battle ensues at school board

By Ceilidh McClurg and  
Dan Singleton

A former assistant superintendent with Chinook's Edge Regional Division #5 is suing the school board, officials confirmed Monday.

Wayne Poncia has filed a Statement of Claim with the Court of Queen's Bench, Civil Division, claiming damages against Chinook's Edge. Details of the claim were not available at press time.

It was not immediately known if Chinook's Edge had filed a statement of defence. School in the division include Didsbury, Carstairs, Olds and Sundre.

Late last year, the board announced that it had officially accepted the resignation of

Poncia. However, their lawyer suggested at their most recent meeting that the board should make a motion to terminate his employment, in lieu of accepting the resignation.

The motion, moved by Deb Cousins read, "That Chinook's Edge Regional Division #5 Board of Education terminate the employment contract of employee #101030 for just cause, namely insubordination in failing to return to work after being required to do so on Sept. 1, 1997." The motion was passed unanimously.

Repeated attempts to get comment from board chair, Linda Yargeau, were unsuccessful.

More details will be made public upon further investigation into this matter.

## Good news for businesses in 1998 operating budget

By Ceilidh McClurg

The good news to business owners in town is that the interim operating budget adopted by council, gives them a tax break by dropping the mill rate by two points.

"It is a savings of \$40,000 in taxes to the Didsbury businesses," said town director of corporate services, Sandra King.

The relieving news for home owners is that their mill rate will remain the same (11.21) as it was last year.

"We want to keep our residential mill rate attractive, so that we can continue to draw new residents," says King.

King says she believes that being able to maintain the residential mill rate, while bringing down the commercial is a feat the Didsbury should be proud of. She indicates that she informally surveyed a number of other communities who are prepared to raise their mill rate in 1998.

The one reason that some property owners may see a slight increase on their actual tax bill is because assessments on property are going from 65% to 100% of market value.

The move was mandated by the provincial government last year, and has been phased in over the past three years.

One of the major focuses of this budget and every budget to follow is debt servicing and increasing reserves. King says the Town of

Didsbury is well below the average for a town this size in its reserves due to costs like a lagoon that was built some years ago. She says this area is important to rebuild because emergency spend-

ing is unpredictable. King says rebuilding can be achieved by using the anticipated \$100,000 surplus from 1997 to put towards reserve accounts.

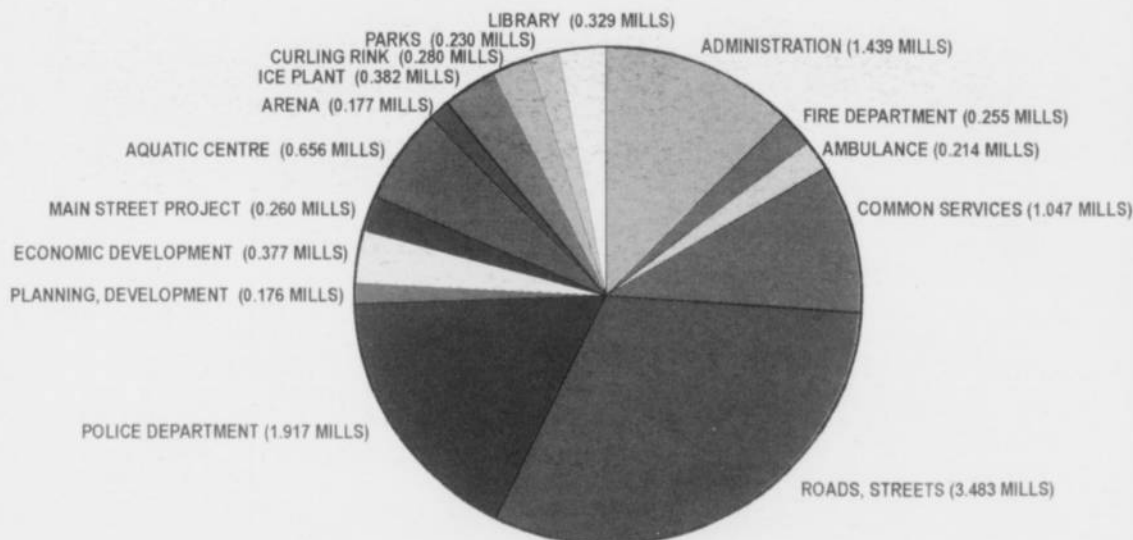
The operating budget is the

basic outline for 1998, however it can not be finalized until other affecting factors, like the school requisition portion of the mill rate is known in the next few months.

The graph below divides out an

11.21 residential mill rate into the departments on which tax dollars are spent. User fees and other revenue sources derived from some areas like the swimming pool have been netted out.

### RESIDENTIAL MILL RATE ANALYSIS



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## Planning the future of Didsbury in your hands

By Ceilidh McClurg

How would Didsburians like a giant processing plant in the valley entrance to town? Answer. Not very much.

The Town of Didsbury administration and the contracted planners, John Rusling and Allison Wright, have started to compile some basic information that they have heard from the public over the past months. The partners are working together to rewrite and revise the Municipal Development Plan based on input from the average Didsburian.

They have started the long process by holding the first in a series of public meetings late last fall.

The next meeting is planned for Mar. 25 from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Five-0 Club.

Wright says, "The essential question at this meeting will be, 'are we on the right track?'"

Rusling and Wright explain that they have taken what was pointed out as a general direction through surveys at the last open house, to begin to form a generalized concept, which they will bring to the coming open house.

"We want people to react to it," says Rusling in the most simple form. "We are getting to the really important stage of the process now." He draws the analogy that the partners are beginning to "get more meat on the bones" of the basic outline conjured up after reviewing surveys last time.

The latest MDP, which is the by-law blueprint for the future development of the town, was written in 1986. However, the province has mandated that all municipalities over the population of 3500 must rewrite their MDP before this September.

To properly follow the steps of creating an MDP a series of public open houses must be held, followed by consultation with stakeholders (surrounding land owners, the Chamber of Commerce, the school board, the county etc.), which leads the planners into the steps of creating a draft which they hope to present to the Municipal Planning Commission by the end of April. The partners are planning on holding another open house in May to present the revised draft document and have the formal by-law adoption process and public hearings done by June.

"We're coming up with a direction and we are building onto it," says Wright.

Rusling and Wright explain

that they feel it is about time the MDP be rewritten because it falls short of attitudes and direction of the town today.

Rusling says, "It is old and it doesn't reflect the thinking of the community at large as well as the present council."

The basics that the planners and town development officer, Robert Wigg, say they are hearing is the residents are very protective of the entrance to town on Highway 582. "That message is very loud and clear," says Rusling.

The other feedback is that the residents like the atmosphere in Didsbury and don't want it to be compromised by trying to grow faster than the small town features can bear.

However, according to the professional planners there is a balance to be struck and they are unable to determine what that is without public input. He says that there are a number of factors that foresee the inevitable future growth of Didsbury; the proximity to Calgary, the location along the main highway corridor, and the facilities and atmosphere that attract new residents and businesses.

This is why it is insisted that the public input process into creating the MDP is essential.

"We need to get our act in order so that when growth comes we can accommodate it and keep the good things that attract people to this community," says Rusling. He adds that growth too quickly, if unprepared, could result in diminishing those qualities.

Statistics from the Town of Didsbury show that last year 140 lots were subdivided for residential use. The previous year only four occurred.

"We're going to be a very active area for the next few years," says Wigg.

That is where the MDP falls in he adds. The community at large must be "at the heart" of writing the document or their wishes will not be represented.

Wright says, "This community knows who they are and what they want... The plan is to reflect the community and provide the direction that the community would like to see it grow in. We're trying to enhance and develop the sense of community."

"We would really appreciate people coming out to the meeting on Mar. 25," she says.

Wigg adds, "Please get involved."

**SLIDES AND SNOW**

Students at Ross Ford didn't seem to mind the snowfall last week. They still played on the playground during recess, just with a little warmer clothes.

Photo By Nicole Smith

## Garbage collection rates to increase

While Water and Sanitary Sewer rates will remain unchanged for 1998, Town Council has granted final reading to Bylaw 98-01 which results in an increase to the residential solid waste collection and transportation fees effective April 1, 1998.

Overall the revenue generated from the current "garbage fees" does cover the expenses and should continue to do so for the next four years (as the Town has four years left of the current contract with BFI) but more emphasis is now being placed on building a "reserve account" as the closure of the Didsbury landfill draws nearer (September, 2001).

In addition, in the cases of the multi-family units where shared bins are utilized for garbage collection, a premium rate

has been established. The reasoning for this is that the three bag limit cannot be enforced on these units and as well the side load bins must be collected and transported by the smaller side load trucks and disposed of at the Didsbury landfill site which costs the Town considerably more per unit than the cost of single family garbage collection, transportation and disposal to the Calgary BFI Landfill Site.

In conclusion, the proposed increases in garbage collection and disposal are \$1.50 per single family residence (total \$7.90 per month) and a \$3.00 increase per unit per month (total \$9.40 per month) for those using a community bin.

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# Parents raise red flags over poor marks at DHS

*Less than a quarter of Math 30 students pass diploma exams*

By Ceilidh McClurg

Parents are deeply concerned over the recent report of the diploma marks for last semester and are demanding that something be done about them.

Parents learned a couple of weeks ago that out of a class of 25 Math 30 students who wrote departmentals, only six passed the exam. Departmental exams are combined with the class mark to come out with a total, which resulted in 18 students of the class actually passing for the year.

Parents at an impromptu meeting last Thursday gave the message that this is just not good enough. One parent called the situation, "almost beyond appalling."

One parent in the crowd cited that in her daughters case, she was receiving honor roll marks all the way through and at the end of the year, her diploma exam mark was as much as 15% lower than the class mark. She asked, "If the honor roll kids are having a problem, what about the average kids?"

Other parents cited cases where the mark varied as much as 30% from the class marks to the diploma exams. Parents said that to them this means that the students are not being taught all the material they need to come to the provincial standard.

Other parents said that they had originally laid the blame on their children for receiving poor grades, but when they spoke to

neighbors and other students a trend started to appear under the surface, which resulted in the meeting last week.

Some parents in the crowd believed that all of the problems can not be blamed on the teaching, citing instances where students have done very well.

Parents accused the school and the school board of misplacing their focus in the school. They quoted numbers that indicated that of 17 teachers in the school, only 3.5 have math and sciences background, the rest, they claim, have other specialties in option subjects.

Parent Kelly Weston said, "I find that seriously lopsided." She said the group of about 54 parents in attendance encouraged the school to focus on academics and "reaching for excellence," and asking teachers to be accountable to the students who are doing poorly.

Didsbury High School principal, Mark Leggette told the group that he was at the meeting to listen to their concerns and would admit that there is a problem. "These (diploma marks) are not right and they should not have turned out like this... We realize that we have a lot of things to work on and we want to work on them to-

gether... We need to improve on what has happened."

Leggette assured the parents that the teachers that are having the problems have been in discussion with him and have committed to taking steps to rectify the problem.

Another large concern among the parents was that a Grade 9 Math class was being taught by someone who has little to no background in the subject.

Leggette responded, "We have an excellent teacher in place there... he needed a little bit more support and he is getting that now and it will continue through the semester."

Other steps being taken by the school staff, said Leggette, is that there will be more communication with parents and after school and weekend tutorials.

He also said that students who failed the exam at the end of the first semester will be allowed to rewrite, with the usual costs of that privilege being picked up by the school budget and not the students.

Some parents felt that the tutorials were a good idea, but it was unfortunate that students who felt like they were doing well in the subject have to spend their own free time to get tutorials and rewrite, when it was a

teaching problem.

Bev Ausenhus, who chaired to meeting said, "Again it is our kids who are going to suffer... Why should they when it is the system that has failed." Other parents expressed the same concerns saying that DHS students who are currently applying to university are going to be at the bottom of the list. "Unfortunately this is the last kick at the can for some of these kids," said one parent.

Leggette suggested that perhaps an organized route for complaints should be taken when there are concerns. He said a parent should talk the teacher, then if there are no results achieved they should speak to the principal. If they still feel the concern has gone unanswered the parent can speak to the superintendent, and the last resort would be Alberta Education.

Parents said they felt that this in theory makes sense, however they feared ramifications from the teachers in the form of lowered marks and unfair treatment of their children.

Other parents in the crowd spoke out in support of the system at DHS and said they have never had a problem with a child who needs extra help.

Chinook's Edge School Board assistant superintendent listened quietly through the meeting, taking notes and said he would meet with the acting superintendent the next morning to express all concerns.

He did however point out that math and sciences are a province-wide problem and have been for some time.

One parent asked, if the board and the school have long known math was a problem, why then are the schools not hiring teachers specialized in those areas to rectify the problem.

After a couple of hours of discussion, the chair asked Chalmers to take some demands back to the board. First priority being that a teacher who is qualified to teach math be put into the school by next week. Other issues the parents wanted Chinook's Edge board to address were the accountability of teachers. Ausenhus asked all parents in attendance to phone or fax the board to emphasize that there is a problem that they want fixed before time runs out.

Another meeting will be held on Wednesday, Mar. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the DHS library where the parents will hear the specific plans of action by the school and the school board.

Meston encourages parents of students to attend the next meeting because a strong voice is needed. "There is still a lot of issues that have to be addressed and we don't want to lose anyone's support."

The group agreed that if there is no satisfactory solutions reached by that point they will consider the next course of action which could include going directly to Alberta Education.

## Four recent robberies in Didsbury

By Ceilidh McClurg

There has been a number of recent break and enter crimes that have taken place in Didsbury over the past few weeks, say Didsbury RCMP.

The most recent was another hit on the local Didsbury Esso store, who had lost large amounts of cash in another robbery late in the fall. This time, in the early morning of Feb. 25, the crooks gained entry through the front door. Once inside the culprits took a number of packages of cigarettes and fled the premises. No dollar figure has been placed on the robbery as of yet.

Local police believe the robbery is linked to a similar break and enter a couple of hours earlier in Gasoline Alley in Red Deer and are investigating the possibility. No arrests have been made.

The Didsbury Inn was also the victim of a break and enter crime a couple of weeks ago. On Feb. 17 between 1 a.m. and 5:30 a.m. thieves gained entrance to the Inn by jamming the lock on the glass door of the lobby area. RCMP Const. Morley Lippai says the crooks must have known that an alarm system was in place, because instead of breaking into the office area through the door, they instead crawled through the suspended ceiling from the lobby area and into the office, thereby not setting off any alarms. About \$1400 in cash in addition to Irish, English, Jamaican and Indian currency was stolen.

The culprit then crawled back through the ceiling into the lobby and left the premises, not alerting anyone in the building.

The theft was only discovered when Inn owner, Jack Sheridan came into the office in the morning to open and found his place had been robbed and immediately reported it to police.

Two other robberies occurred during the same week at Remax and Pretty Paws plus where small amounts of cash were taken. This has led police to believe there may be some link and it is being investigated. However, at press time, no suspects had been arrested.

Lippai said that although the spree may cause some residents to be alarmed, he believes the incidents of robbery in Didsbury have dropped off over the past year or two.



**Healing the world with prayer**

Above, A group of women sing prayers at The Knox United Church last week as part of The World Day of Prayer. The theme this year was "Who is my neighbor? The women of Madagascar." Left, Pat Janzen, Bessie Eckstrand and Reta Thorson read words from the women of Madagascar.



# EDITORIAL / OPINIONS

## Pupils pay the price



**Ceilidh  
McCLURG**

Parents at Didsbury High School have good reason to be concerned and I, for one, am glad that so many parents took time and made the effort to notice that there was a problem.

Math is not my favorite subject to say the absolute least and I therefore did quite poorly. In fact, I never got my Math 30 and probably never will. It is not important to me, because I took journalism through a college that did not require it. Thank goodness because I actually cringe when I even hear the word 'math.'

However, there are kids who have missed out on their chance to achieve a good education, who might need that core subject to get into their preferred area of studies. It is tragic that experimentation with teachers is at the cost of the future of some of these students who have missed their chance to learn about the 'joys' of mathematics.

However, there is another reality that needs to be examined. Schools are given their funds based on the number of students who attend full-time. In smaller rural communities there are fewer students in any given school, meaning less money to budget with. This means that it is often young inexperienced teachers who come to

towns like Didsbury to start their career and often move on to bigger cities after a few years. This means higher turn over and less experienced teachers. There is nothing a small town parent can do about that, other than move to the city schools where the populations are in excess of 2000.

This does not, however mean that students should pay the price. I don't know what can be done to balance the inequality, but there needs to be something.

The tutorials are a great idea, but they are band-aid solutions for larger under-surface problem. And the most critical part of these is that the students MUST take the initiative and realize their futures depend on giving up a Saturday or two.

On another note, although the principal and assistant superintendent at the meeting must have felt pressure and anxiety, they should consider themselves lucky that the parents in the community care about their children. Talking to anyone who ever attends public meetings would know that a 10% turnout is good. Well, if that was only 10% of the concerned parents at that meeting, then the superintendency should assume that they speak for a very large portion of the school's population.

Sometimes it is those very administrators who are begging to get people out to these types of meetings.

There was no begging this time, except from the parents who are begging that their children's future be at the forefront. That is what education is all about, right?

## Smoking: a community tragedy

By Senator Colin Kenny

Imagine if 400 people in your community-friends, neighbours, family-all started coughing and hacking, barely able to get their breath. Now imagine them stone cold dead.

Now picture this happening in 100 other communities across Canada each year to get a clear picture of just how ugly the carnage is.

Health Canada tells us that tobacco-related diseases kill over 40,000 Canadians a year. That's 40,000 preventable deaths. The next closest cause of preventable deaths is traffic deaths, which include drunk driving, kill only 4000 in comparison. The ratio is 10 to 1 between them, and tobacco accounts for 80% of all preventable deaths.

But tobacco deaths? Hey, why get excited? Just one of those things-if people want to smoke, they'll smoke. Except if 40,000 Canadians are dying of tobacco related diseases it's pretty obvious that a lot of your neighbours got hooked at a young age and couldn't shake the habit as adults. That hardly seems fair.

If we, as a society, aren't willing to make an effort to prevent addiction among young people, we might as well give up on the whole concept of education.

If we're willing to accept that kids will be kids, and they're bound to smoke and there's nothing that can be done about it, we're saying that we not only can't provide education for the work place, we can't even get through to many of our kids about something more basic than math-that is, how to keep breathing.

And yet, for all we know about smoking, Health Canada estimates that almost 30% of youths between 15 and 19 smoke.

The federal government has committed itself to spending \$10 million a year for five years to educate people and enforce regulations, and another \$10 million a year for what it calls "smoking prevention and cessation programs" for young people. That's not only bureaucrat speak, it's a puny amount of money, particularly compared to the \$2.03 billion (that's 2000 million) that the federal government taxed tobacco products in 1996 alone.

Passed before the election, Bill C-71, limits cigarette promotion and advertising. Another nice gesture, but without enough muscle to counter the tobacco companies' relentless propaganda campaign to attract fresh new lungs.

Nice, but still far from enough. There's much more we can do.

Here's how we can make the tobacco companies use a tiny fraction of their huge profits to really tackle the issue of smoking among Canadian youth. After all, tobacco companies have told us, in wide-eyed sincerity, that they would love kids to stay away from their products. But, darn it all, they just can't seem to stop these kids. Let's take a bit of their money and help them in their noble crusade.

I am introducing a private member's bill that will place a levy of \$0.50 a carton on cigarettes-an amount that my friends in the police tell me won't take us back to the days of widespread smuggling. If passed, the bill will generate \$120 million a year.

Half the money-\$60 million-will go to a foundation that works at arm's-length from the government, a foundation that will award grants to community organizations that come up with programs to help young people either kick the habit or avoid it. That sum will climb by \$20 million a year for five years, then stabilize at \$120 million a year.

The bill will provide \$50 million in the first year to help the arts and sports industries find new sponsors for the money provided by tobacco sponsors. This transitional funding will decrease by \$10 million a year and disappear after five years.

Finally, there will be \$10 million a year for tobacco farmers, to help them switch to new crops. Again, that will decrease by \$2 million a year each year for five years, at which point new crops should be self-sustaining.

We are desperately trying to revamp our approach to education to give all our young people a chance at improving their minds and landing a good job. Let's do one more thing. Let's use the tobacco company's money to find creative ways of getting the message across that brains won't take you anywhere after your lungs and heart konk out.

## Didsbury Member of Parliament gives Wildrose Report

By MP Myron Thompson

**Aboriginal Affairs:** The Liberals defeated a Reform motion put before the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs by Reform member of Parliament from Prince Albert, Derrek Konrad. The motion read: "That in the spins of partnership and healing, the Committee study problems in fiscal and democratic accountability among Canada's aboriginal people, and report to the House before summer recess." This motion would have allowed grassroots natives to appear before the Committee to tell the government about the many problems on their reserves. Immediately following this motion the Liberals passed a motion of their own, which maintained that the committee should hear testimony from government officials exclusively. It is clear that grassroots aboriginal can help us find solutions, however it is obvious that

the Liberals would rather listen to their friends in the bureaucracy. Hundreds of calls and letters continue to come in to the Reform offices from grassroots aboriginal and I encourage them to continue to do so. Soon your voice must and will be heard.

**The Canadian Wheat Board:** An opportunity to change the Canadian Wheat Board so that it had a mandate to work for the farmers was rejected as were all amendments by the Liberal government. Bill C-4 was passed knowing that it will continue to harness western grain production to Ottawa's agenda.

Both Reform and Conservative amendments would have changed this Bill dramatically. For example, Canadian Wheat Board activities would have been scrutinized by the Auditor General, they would have had to open up their records to the Access to Information Act, and

allowed individual farmers to opt out of the Board altogether. This would have given them the opportunity to reject the inclusion/exclusion mechanism that imposes the Board's monopoly on all farmers.

People mistakenly believe that the Reform Party is out to destroy the Canadian Wheat Board. This is not the case, what is apparent is the Liberals are intent on anchoring it to the 1930s. By ignoring recommendations by producers, the Liberals continue their "we know best" attitude.

As Bill C-4 moves to the Senate, Jay Hill, MP for Prince George-Peace River will attempt to be a witness to the Committee and encourage them to look again at the farmer recommended amendments and to point out various other flaws in the legislation itself.

**It is Time to Elect the Senate:** Following the Senator Thompson fiasco, it is now time to elect Senators and hold them accountable or scrap the Senate altogether. When Senators were called forward to vote on what to do with Thompson, only half the Senators appeared.



**Myron  
THOMPSON**



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## More money for schools

Alberta school boards will receive \$240 million this year to start work on 159 new construction and modernization projects, and to continue regular maintenance of all Alberta schools. By April 1, 1998, school boards will have received the one-time \$100 million reinvestment announced by Premier Ralph Klein on Jan. 8, 1998, and will begin to receive \$140 million in capital funding.

Before new schools are approved for construction, school boards are encouraged to pursue all other ways of accommodating growing student populations. The approval for new schools is based on rapid growth in student enrolment and lack of available space in existing schools. School capital decisions are based on established priorities and criteria, the top three being health and safety, critical need for space, and essential school modernization.

The following are highlights of new capital projects approved for 1999/2000 (funding effective April 1, 1998):

- 42 modernization projects to help upgrade older schools, provide wiring for computers, and install CTS equipment;
- \$440 million in Building Quality Restoration Program (BQRP) funding has been approved for 1999/2000;
- in addition, 85 projects approved for 1999/2000 will begin this year, and
- schools with modernization projects will receive \$4.9 million for additional CTS equipment.

Hugh Sutherland School in Carstairs has received "approval in full" for the modernization to begin in the 1997-1998 school year with an estimated Government support of \$2,123,910. Included in this support is an inflation rate and \$300,000 for Career and Technology Studies. The School Buildings Board had previously approved \$848,000 for Hugh Sutherland School, with a new total of approximately \$2.9 million.



**Richard  
MARZ**  
M.P.

## Leak means Klein and Mar need public support to stave off private lobby

"Pop this trial balloon before it floats over the legislature," said Dr. Roy Wilson, President of the Alberta School Boards Association in response to news reports that the task force studying funding for private schools is recommending a 20% increase in dollars for private institutions.

"That's millions of dollars that won't be spent on children in Alberta's public system," said Wilson.

"I haven't seen the confidential report, but if it is true, I am dismayed by the outcome."

Boards, representing the 500,000 students in public schools, told this task force at every turn to hold the line on funding for private schools. The Minister of Education, the Premier and Alberta's Progressive Conservative party have said that they don't want to spend more tax dollars on private schools.

Can you imagine what the increase would have been if these voices hadn't been raised?" said Wilson.

"I have to conclude this leak is a trial balloon. It tells me Mr. Mar and Mr. Klein are appealing to the public for more support to stave off their colleagues in caucus who have been pushing the private school agenda," said Wilson.

## Liberal budget leaves seniors in limbo

By Myron Thompson

The Minister of Finance neglected to introduce changes to the Seniors Benefit.

The Seniors Benefit was floated as a trial balloon two budgets ago, in March of 1996. Legislation was promised by the fall of that year, but the proposal immediately came under fire from seniors groups, investment consultants and social policy organizations for its punishing marginal tax rate of up to 75% for middle and upper income seniors, while offering a mere 17 cents a day to the poorest seniors. The policy would discourage savings and encourage reliance on the Sen-

iors Benefit, thereby costing the government more, rather than saving it money.

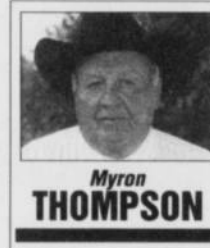
In my conversations with seniors and representatives of seniors groups, I find that they are angry and afraid. The Minister has no right to leave them in limbo while he takes his sweet time to find a face-saving way out of this.

The Reform Party wants changes on the following basis: the benefit must

be better targeted to those in need, any reduction in benefits

must treat middle and upper income groups fairly, there must be sufficient time for the not-yet-retired to make retirement plans, and those whose birthday causes them to miss the cut-off date must not be unduly penalized.

I'll be pursuing this issue in the House of Commons in the coming weeks.



**Myron  
THOMPSON**

## Why politics? Member of Parliament encourages youth of the country to look into the possibilities

By David Kilgour, MP  
Edmonton Southeast

In a recent talk to political science students at the University of Calgary, I posed the question: "Why go into politics?" These students could just as easily put their political science degrees to other uses. After all, so much of what goes on in business and in life in general is "political" in the broad sense of the word.

Nonetheless, I encourage students who are so inclined to consider running for elective office, whether at the municipal, provincial or federal level. I encourage others who are motivated by community service to take up this challenge, and not to let anyone discourage them from running by saying that "backroom boys" decide who will run. It's my strong impression that today Canadians everywhere want candidates who will stand up for their constituents' interests in the best sense of public service.

Although I first became involved in politics mostly because of my sense of the need for regional fairness and a larger role for Westerners, the greatest satisfaction anyone can receive is not expounding on national issues in the House of Commons. Rather, it is the day-to-day things one can achieve for constituents. It might be something like helping an elderly constituent receive a payment she is entitled to, or somehow helping a deserving young person to find a job.

Joys of Public Service: How

well I remember the joy felt at being invited to a reunion party for a man and his mother who had not seen each other for 50 years. She was left behind in China when he fled the revolution to Hong Kong. I was able, by writing letters and making contacts on their behalf, to play a role in uniting that family that had been separated for so many years. The small difference one can make in the lives of individuals is what has kept me going as a politician.

It is important to think about why you might go into politics. I have always believed that a politician cannot be an amoral actor driven only by political expediency. Far better to turn one's conscience, towards one's constituents, friends and family for guidance. It is sometimes difficult to follow your personal sense of ethics because of the nature of our political system. I have written about the weakness of our legislative branch and of the individual Member of Parliament in our current form of government. That constraint is a reality that politicians must learn to live and work with. Without a sense of personal conviction, however, your work as a politician amounts to nothing.

By that, I do not mean you should be driven by a blind ideology. Recently I read an interesting book, *The Soul of Politics: Beyond "Religious Right" and "Secular Left"* by Jim Wallis, who evidently spends most of his time fighting poverty and hopelessness on inner Washington, DC streets. As the

preface notes, Wallis refuses to allow the religious right to have a monopoly on ethics and spirituality, and also calls on the secular left to speak to individual values. He starts with the assertion that the world isn't working and that most of us know it.

Common Bond of Diversity: In calling for a new political language that "evokes the common bond of a diverse people," Wallis excoriates both sides of the US political spectrum. Contemporary conservatism, he asserts, ignores the pernicious effects of poverty, racism and sexism in calling for individual self improvement and return to family values. Today's liberalism in the US, on the other hand, is for him "unable to articulate or demonstrate the kind of moral values that must undergird any serious movement of social transformation." The current political debate stateside between these two sides "impoverishes and paralyzes our public discourse. We long for political leaders who would be community builders, not polarizers, public servants who practice the art of bringing diverse people together for projects of common good instead of those who represent only those who have the most clout." Is his analysis applicable to contemporary Canada?

This idea of community building and bringing together diverse people for projects of common good is one that I find inspiring. Just as important is the idea of building bridges between the best elements of small-L liberal

and small-C conservative philosophies to combine the sense of the importance of the individual and the family with the need for social conscience.

Conclusion: It is not always easy to be a politician these days. On a popularity scale, many of the public see us as substantially worse than telephone solicitors. This view is misguided. Many of my colleagues from all parties are extremely dedicated individuals who make personal sacrifices for their communities and their country. Still, it's a perception you will face if you enter a career in politics. In part it is a reflection of the perceived

unresponsiveness of our national institutions. My own door-to-door meetings with numerous constituents indicate that many have little confidence in the capacity of elected legislators to represent constituents on a host of issues.

I encourage anyone to take up that challenge if it interests you, but would encourage men and women to strive for the best in politics. Only if you are clear about why you are in politics, what you hope to achieve, and what you believe in-only then will you earn the respect of the community to which you contribute.



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## FROM THE MAILBAG

### Dual market system confusing

Dear Editor,

The possibility of a dual market system for export of wheat and barley seems to confuse and frighten the traditional supporters of the Board.

They continually ask the questions, "How can we sell our wheat and barley without the Wheat Board?" "Why do I have to go to China and Japan to sell my grain?" They continually say, "I don't want to haul my wheat across the border to American elevators. If we did, the American farmers would stop us with road blocks, rifles and baseball bats."

Where did these weird ideas come from? These fearful bugaboos? How did these ridiculous notions spread from coffee shop to coffee shop, from bar to bar? I don't know, but I've had yelling matches with dozens of farmers, young and old, in every watering hole I wander into, who swear that's what will happen when a dual market comes.

I try to calmly explain that a dual market for export wheat and barley means exactly what the word "dual" marketing means.

1) Those who wish to contract their export grain to the Canadian Wheat Board and accept a yearly average price will be free to do. A dual market in no way means the end of the Canadian Wheat Board. It will be very much a business buying and selling export grain that is contracted to the organization on a voluntary basis by the farmers who support the Wheat Board.

2) For those who wish to opt out of the CWB program, there will be a place on the Winnipeg Commodities Exchange, a futures market in export wheat

and barley exactly as there is a futures market in canola, flax, peas and domestic feed grains.

There will be a daily quoted cash price-of-the-day for export grades of wheat and barley exactly as there is a posted cash price of the day for canola, flax, peas and domestic feed grains at every point of delivery.

You can sell your load of grain for the quoted cash price on the day you deliver, leave your grain in storage and wait for a better price or, if you care to speculate, you can sell for the price-of-the-day and buy a futures contract.

Selling your open market export wheat and barley is exactly like selling canola, peas, flax and domestic feed grains. There will be no need- or point-in flying to China or firing up your B-train to truck you export wheat and barley across the American border.

The world price of grain on any given day is the same in Shanghai as it is in Chicago and Rotterdam after handling, freight, currency fluctuations are calculated in. The commodity markets of the world are instantly linked-as are the stock markets. Any small difference will quickly level-out in the trading sessions.

No individual or corporation-certainly not the CWB-can manipulate the commodity markets. Export wheat is only a tiny fraction of the global grain trade. Most of the trades are to supply the huge domestic markets of the USA, Europe and Asia.

The Board's selling price is directly tied to the daily quoted price on the world commodity markets. By selling its captive grain over a 12 month period, it

supposedly gets the best average price for the year, but that would depend on the volume of sales at the highs and lows of the market.

Could the individual producer get a better price than the yearly average price if he/she was free to sell into a free export market? Quite possibly, but that is not the point of this article. The point is the distorted myths and bugaboos that keep going around the coffee shops and bars about the fearful effects of a dual market are just that, myths and bugaboos.

A dual market will include a strong presence of the CWB signing a binding contract with the majority who support the traditional system. A voluntary marketing option can only strengthen and morally justify the position of the board.

For the farmers who wish to opt out of the CWB program, there will be a daily posted cash price at every delivery point in the three prairie provinces and the Peace River region of British Columbia. The quoted cash price for #1 Red Spring on the Winnipeg futures market will be the same as the daily quoted cash price for #1 Dark Northern Spring on the Minneapolis futures market, which is the equivalent grade.

The posted cash price of the day will be paid to any producer in Canada who delivers a load of grain to an elevator exactly as the posted cash price of the day is paid to a producer when he/she delivers a load of canola, peas, flax or domestic feed grain to an elevator. Ask your local elevator agent.

Alf Bryan,  
Tugaske

### Decline of health care disheartening

Dear Editor,

As a woman who trained as a registered nurse, it has been disheartening to witness the gradual decline of the health care system in Alberta. Presently, the government solution is to "reinvest" dollars into the failing system. The response from the health care system is that the reinvestment level is inadequate. And it is. As long as the health care system remains fundamentally flawed, no amount of reinvested money will sustain it over the long term.

"Ellen Hambrook, chairwoman of provincial health for the Health Council of Alberta, a watchdog organization outside of the government (said) 'The system has no reformed...It's still operating the way it used to. The system has merely restructured-it isn't looking at new ways of delivering services.'" (Column-Peter Menzies-Calgary Herald).

We still have a bureaucratically-driven system. During recent years administrative positions have been shuffled, job titles changed, regional authorities appointed, but the system has remained unchanged. The dedication of medical staff has thus far kept the system going, but many personnel are gradually suffering from high stress and burnout.

Health care needs true reform, not "restructuring" or "reinvestment." The Alberta Social Credit Party has formulated a workable solution to truly reform the health care system. Their plan would take a bureaucratically-driven system and flip it upside down (or right side up if you may) to convert it to a patient-driven system.

The Sacred health care plan is basically as follows: -Alberta Social Credit propose independent control of health care facilities by private parties, rather than control by Alberta Health and Regional Authorities. Communities know their own needs best-they should be allowed more input regarding their local hospitals.

-Alberta Social Credit would provide health care funding by providing for patient treatment. All health care funding would "follow the patient" to their health care provider and facility of choice (ie a fee for service approach). The government would still be the health care insurer. Full coverage for health care services would be provided to all Albertans. There would be no extra billing. All Albertans would be treated equally.

-A Healthcare Advisory Committee of sitting MLA's, health care professionals, and lay people would be established to set standards and procedure fees.

The Sacred plan introduces competition into the system, as the fee follows the patient. Hospitals would need to offer excellent patient care in order to survive as only hospitals granting quality care would attract the patients and the dollars they bring. Waiting lists would be eliminated. The latest in technology could be purchased and utilized.

In Alberta's bureaucratically-driven health care system, too few dollars filter down through the administrative levels to the level of actual patient care delivery. The Social Credit plan for health care would direct dollars where they are really needed-for direct patient care.

Under the Social Credit plan, the provincial government and the present health care bureaucracies would have to sacrifice control over the system-a sacrifice neither controlling group seem willing to make.

Alberta's present health care system will ultimately collapse. It is only a matter of time. Our flawed health care and education systems both fail us and will one day bankrupt us financially. Both systems will continually cry for more money, yet no amount of investment dollars will sustain them for long. And as Peter Menzies asked in his Calgary Herald column, "...where is the money to come from and when, oh when, will there ever be enough?"

Sincerely,  
Brenda MacDonald  
Three Hills, AB

### Democracy threatened by corporate bill of rights

Dear Editor,

Canada should not be part of any agreement that grants corporations the same status as democratically elected governments, and favours the rights of corporations over citizens.

The Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI), a Corporate Bill of Rights now being negotiated by Canada and the other 28 countries that form the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), does just that.

Reasons for opposing MAI include:

1. The MAI would cripple our ability to create jobs.  
2. It would give new rights to foreign investors and corporations.

3. The MAI would give corporations more power to fight environmental regulations.

4. It would leave our culture at the mercy of US entertainment mega-corporations.

5. The MAI would open up our health care and social programs to multinational corporations.

6. It would threaten our ownership of fisheries, forests, energy and other natural resources.

7. It would give corporations the right to sue our elected governments to protect their profits.

8. All disputes would be decided in secret by trade experts with no public input.

9. The MAI would impose tough, unfair rules on developing countries who aren't even part of negotiations.

10. We would be locked into a bad deal for 20 years.

I urge organizations, individual citizens, and politicians to request that Parliament impose a moratorium on Canadian participation in the MAI negotiation until a full public debate on the proposed treaty has taken place across the country, so that all Canadians may have an opportunity to express their opinions, and decide on the advisability of proceeding with the MAI.

L. Johnson,  
Lethbridge, AB



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## Going once, going twice, three times and SOLD to the highest bidder

Curly Boyda and Bryan Moffit auctioned off a number of items to the highest bidder during the Lion's Charity Auction held last weekend in the Multi Purpose Room. The event was held to help raise maintenance money for the new Lion's Bus that will be bought with a combination of government grants and fundraised dollars.



## Councillor moves to sell airport

By Ceilidh McClurg

A town councillor who has long been in opposition to the town's part ownership of the Olds/Didsbury Airport, put forward a motion to enter into negotiations to sell the property.

Coun. Gary Dolha has before voiced his objection to the ownership stating that he believes only a limited number of residents use it, yet a portion of everyone's taxpayers dollars go towards the facility.

Last council meeting before putting the motion forward he said, "I felt it was necessary to bring this to council."

His biggest concern with the facility is that the subsidy being sent to the airport commission has gradually been increasing over the years to a point that it now costs the town \$5250 in tax dollars.

In May 1995, town council along with Olds town council agreed jointly to purchase the airport from the Alberta Government for \$1 subject to several conditions. Dolha says one

of those conditions was that the two towns enter into a joint use agreement regarding the airport operations and expenditures.

"No copy of such an agreement can be found," Dolha told council. Administration did not confirm or deny that such an agreement exists on the books somewhere.

Dolha also told council that he felt frustration with attempts to get full financial information out of the commission since the take over in ownership.

He says that in the by-law passed to establish the airport commission there is a clause that states, "that an audited financial statement for the preceding calendar year shall be provided to each council on or before the end of February each year."

Dolha says, "I am aware of only one being given to this council and that was given under duress."

"It is just about like we have to force them. There seems to be a very strong reluctance to deal with it, and I am concerned about that as a taxpayer."

Town director of corporate services, Sandra King, defended

the timing of the commission's audited statement saying that the end of February is a tight deadline to have such statements especially during the busiest time of year.

Dolha also questions the finances that were in the first and only financial statement given to council in 1996. He says that it shows a total surplus that exceeds the combined town grant which equal \$10,500. He then went on to question why the taxpayers needed to fund the facility to such an extent if they are running big surplus budgets.

A lawsuit brought against the commission some time ago cost the town, who is legally responsible, \$20,000, which

Dolha says has never been recovered. He worries that such an instance could occur again, and he as a councillor does not wish to be held responsible.

No one else on council commented on the issue to any extent before the vote was

taken on the motion to enter into negotiations to sell the property. Dolha added, "If this were to turn into discussion about the sale of the airport, it's not like someone would come in with a trailer and pick it up and move it," he said. "It would still be there for use."

The question was called and the motion was defeated with Dolha and Dorothy Moore-Anderson the only councillors in favor.

Later in the meeting, Dolha again questioned his fellow councillors on their reasoning for voting the way they did.

He said, "If any other organization in this community that we funded acted this way, we would be down on them like a ton of bricks." He then asked council to demand the audited statement for 1997, which he pointed out was already late.

Coun. Gayle Veno said some flexibility needed to be extended due to the comments made by King. She made a motion that the commission be informed that the council expects a fully audited financial statement by the April 14 council meeting.

Coun. Anderson said, "I think that six weeks is plenty of time."

## Cutbacks not planned for hospital

### Health Authority Five explains their financial straits

Although the Health Authority 5 board was disappointed in the recent funding announcement from Alberta Health, the board approved the budget for the 1998-99 fiscal period. Health Authority 5 was anticipating over \$1 million in increased funding from the government. We received only \$408,000, which represented a 1.18% increase in our base funding. This leaves a considerable shortfall on our existing commitments.

The Board of Health Authority 5 had three options to consider: 1) operate with a deficit budget, 2) incorporate some strict utilization efficiencies to maintain current programs and services, and 3) closure of selected programs at some of our facilities. The Board felt that options 1 and 3 were not in the best interests of our clients and, following examination of areas where efficiencies could be achieved, decided that the region could continue to offer all existing programs if the region succeeds in attaining these efficiencies. They therefore approved the budget for 1998-99 based on that decision.

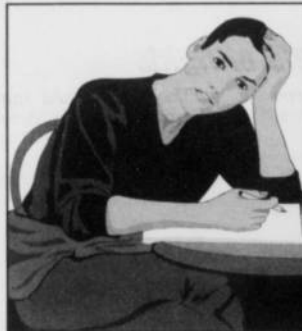
Specifically, Acute Care bed numbers will remain similar to last year's business plan: Didsbury, 15; Drumheller, maximum 45; and a slight increase for the other three districts, namely Hanna, 18; Strathmore, 20; Three Hills, 20. Long Term Care beds will remain the same as last year. We will be

implementing high intensity utilization efficiencies in several areas, including laboratory, x-ray, pharmacy, rehabilitation (including physiotherapy services provided by private operators), ambulance services, and staff sick time and overtime. Utilization and results of these efficiency methods will be monitored closely to assess our progress in achieving the needed savings. We will be asking the medical staff, staff and the public for their cooperation during this year of fiscal restraint. With the help of everyone involved, we should be able to achieve a balanced budget this next fiscal year.

Unfortunately, this budget will not allow us to enhance any existing programs or add any new services for the next fiscal period as originally planned. Also, we will not be in a position to purchase equipment other than for replacement in an emergency situation, nor will we be able to implement any of our information systems.

More information will be released following Ministerial approval of our business plan, hopefully in April.

Again, we stress that we can only achieve this year's balanced budget with the cooperation of all our personnel, including medical staff, and of course, our clients.



## Are you concerned about your child's academic achievement at Didsbury High?

Be sure to attend tonight's (Mar. 11/98) meeting when the Chinook's Edge Superintendent will address our concerns and outline the proposed solutions to your child's educational success.

## Didsbury High School Library TONIGHT at 7:30

# Warm weather benefits county *and other county council notes*

## Warm weather wins

The superintendent of Public Works, Bill Merchant told council that the exceptionally moderate weather has resulted in some good and bad things for the public works department. He explained that money is being saved each day that there is "virtually no snow removal and very little sanding to be done." This is good news to council, who overspent their snow removal and road maintenance budgets significantly last year. In some areas the department was upwards of 300% over budget.

However, "the only negative effect from these low temperatures and very little snow cover is the solid ice build-up in many culverts on the west side of the county," explained Merchant.

## Bursary approved

The County of Mountain View approved a bursary for Olds College students at their meeting last week. The bursary has been under discussion for the past months regarding what conditions would be involved. Coun. Linda Burrell has been working on the details for some time and the final decision to

support the bursary was passed unanimously

## 4-H donation made

Coun. Ian Harvie made the motion to donate \$250 to the Mountain View 4-H Light Horse Association in response to a request from the group. The motion was carried with a unanimous vote.

## Questions to ask

Council received for information an item from the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties. The Association requested that the

county provide any questions that they would like forwarded to Forum of Alberta Minister's in the Spring. The councillors chose to think about the questions they would like to ask and send them on at that point.

## Pitching In

The Pitch-In Canada Project requested that the county give a donation towards this year's cleaning up event. Coun. Ian Harvie expressed his concern that the county could donate money, however if no community group in the area ran the project, then the county's money could end up somewhere else.

"We are going to be spending county money on something, that I'm not sure what it is achieving," said Harvie. He suggested putting a stipulation that the county would only give a \$350 donation if someone from the area was going to run the program.

Council decided to refer the item to budget committee, who can investigate keeping the money donated in the local area.

## It's a D.A.R.E.

Council plans to invite Const. Myles Peckham of the Didsbury RCMP to one of their meetings to have him further explain how the anti-drug campaign he has spearheaded to run in this area works.

## Flying the flag

The new county flag concept that has been approved, is being sent out right now to flag making companies in Alberta for pricing quotes. Councillors were told it will take some time before they see a brand new flag actually flying from the pole.

## Regionalization report

Council heard a report from Coun. Ian Harvie, who was voted chair of the Regionalized Fire Department fact-finding group, reported to council about where the group is going with considerations. He also suggested that two members from other areas with regionalized departments be invited to come speak to the group, with the County of Mountain View covering the costs of their dinner. The motion was passed.

# Garbage vote almost trashed

## and other town council notes

### Garbage collection increase almost trashed

For the first time in the history of the current town council, a motion was passed by only one vote, the mayor's. The hike in garbage rates was discussed at last month's council meeting but did not receive unanimous consent for third reading. Last week Coun. Willard Swalm moved to grant consent. When the vote came out a tie, with Dorothy Moore-Anderson, Gayle Veno and Gary Dolha opposed and Willard Swalm, Vance van Dam and Don Watt in favor, the Mayor's vote in favor broke the tie and motion was passed.

### Lease letter

Council accepted for information the letter drafted to the province concerning the possibility of renegotiating parts of a proposed lease of the Provincial Building located next to the court house.

### A messy concern

Council received a letter from local resident, Vivian Barman, who expressed concerns about the mess around the recycling depot block. Administration sent a letter to Barman assuring her that everything will be done that is possible to address her concerns, including inviting the manager of the depot to the next Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meeting. The response letter also indicated that the Mountain View Regional Solid Waste Authority has recently designated money to expand and upgrade the site to include more bins and a better loading dock.

### Rescinded road

Council rescinded a previous motion to pass a road closure by-law for an unconstructed road near the new site for the Mountain View Livestock Pavilion. Administrators told council the pavilion committee had reviewed its plans and decided keeping the road open would be in their best interest.

### Bulk water bump

Council unanimously voted to increase the rate being charged to bulk water users by \$3.40 to a total of \$10.00 per gallon.

### Summer student salary

It was decided that the town would hire an advanced summer student to supervise the summer students who are hired during the break to maintain parks in Didsbury. By offering the student a rate of \$7 per hour, the town can make application to have \$4.25 of the salary covered by an employment program.

### Don't be late

Council voted in favor of applying a 1.5% late charge on all town accounts including utilities, room rentals, ice rentals, business licenses, etc. There had not previously been late interest charges on some of these types of accounts. They also decided to amend the late payment policy to include a paragraph stating that outstanding accounts may be applied to the tax roll. Dorothy Moore-Anderson was the only vote in opposition.

### Tendering touch-ups

Council amended the tendering and purchasing policy to eliminate some awkward wording and to change some of the intent.

### Absentee

The community services advisory board asked council to send a letter to a member of the board who has missed three consecutive meetings to state that regular attendance is required and if that is not adhered to, they may be removed from their position. The council asked that the board first personally contact the absentee member to find out if they want to be on the board and bring it back to the next council meeting.

### Membership move

The Community Services Advisory Board asked council to approve a \$300 membership fee to the Family and Community Support Services Association of Alberta. The motion was passed.

### Show and Shine

The Show and Shine committee has asked council for the use of the Gazebo downtown as the registration centre for the event to be held on May 9. The motion was carried.

### Library info

Council received the Didsbury Municipal Library's annual report and survey. Some members of the council expressed their appreciation for the clarity of the report and said it would better help them understand issues relating to the library including Parkland Regional Library System.

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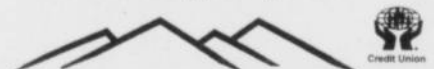
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# Lifestyles



**DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY**  
About 30 seniors attended the 5-0 Dance held last Friday.

## Words from Westglen

By Christine Ta

This week the Wildcats of Westglen have been busy practising for badminton tryouts next week, or just having a really good time taking part in the WOW committee events. Here's some more things we've been doing this week...

As some of you know the basketball season has ended and the badminton season has just begun. The Grade 7 and 8 boys and girls basketball teams played another great



season of basketball, with the girls winning the County Championships for the second time in a row in the history of Westglen. Congratulations girls. The boys lost the County Championships by two points against Olds, but good try boys, you played well this sea-

son. Mrs. McAuely and Mr. Miller deserve a big round of appreciation for coaching these two teams so well.

Badminton had once again started. The Grade 7's will be on Mondays and Wednesdays and the Grade 8's will be on

Tuesdays and Thursdays. There will be try-outs next week sometime. Good luck to all.

In the MSTs Science Fair last weekend Ben Misener of Grade 5 won a silver medal for "Which Color do Birds Prefer?" out of

the Grade 5 and 6 category. Greg Overguard and Phil McNeil also won silver and best of fair runner-up for "Stomach Acid Remedies" in the Grade 7-12 category. Nathan Dahl won a bronze medal in the Grade 7-12 category and a nature award for

his project on "Heat." Congratulations.

This month the Grade 7's (Mrs. McAuely's class) has been doing some interesting things. In LA they are studying the unit called "Mystery and Wonder." In Math they are learning about integers. In Science they are studying "Forces and Motion" and in Social they are studying Japan. Keep up the great work Grade 7's.

The week the Grade 6, 7 and 8 bands are going to compete in the Kiwanis festival in Olds. The Grade 6's went on Monday and the Grade 7 and 8's are performing on Wednesday. Good luck to all three bands.

Pyjama day was last Thursday. Everyone had a fun and comfortable time in their PJs. Congratulations to all the winners.

The talent show is coming up on March 26. Good luck to all contestants. There will be more fun activities coming up soon.

That's all for this week. See you next time.

## Jackson Women's Institute

By Nellie Davies

The Jackson Women's Institute met on Feb. 25 at the home of Darlene Hallett. There were 15 members and 3 visitors present. For the opening song we again sang "Happy Birthday" in honour of Nellie Davies' 87th birthday.

Mary Jane Davies conducted the meeting and her words of wisdom were as follows:

"Have you had a kindness shown? Pass it on. 'Twas not meant for you alone. Pass it on. Let it travel down the years. Let it wipe another's tears. 'Til in heaven the deed appears.

Pass it on."

The roll call was "How I learned to drive" and many amusing recollections were enjoyed.

Our Founder's Day party collection was \$100 and it was decided to send this to ACWW.

The District Conference is to be held in Olds on March 21 and Joan Foat will be our delegate.

This month's topic was International Affairs and the guest speaker was Nina Shahestad who is an exchange student from Denmark, and is presently attending high

school in Cremona.

She told us that Denmark, whose population is 5 million, would fit into Alberta 17 times. We enjoyed her visit and learning about her homeland and what she will enjoy about her time amongst us.

The next meeting will be on March 25 at the home of Marguerite Krebs. At this meeting there will be a Baking Contest for a savoury quick bread as this is one of the classes for the Constituency Conference in April.

As usual, we welcome anyone to attend our meetings.

## Theatre Didsbury's new play is ready

By Marge St. Clair

"Who's under where?" starring Laurel Mullen, Gary Edwards, Tony Sylvestre, Lori Kemmere, Peter Winter, Rick Phillips and Derek Lewis, who is also the director and the schedule is like this:

March 14-Lyalta for the Lyalta Community Club.

March 20-Red Deer Lodge for the Central Alberta Family Day Association.

March 21-Gull Lake, Community Association.

March 27 and 28-Cottonwood for the Cottonwood Garden Ag Society.

April 3 and 4-Keoma-Lions Club Dinner Theatres.

April 17-Rugby Hall for the Westcott Golden Boys, see Brent Youngs at Mountain View Sports for tickets.

April 18-Order of the Eastern Star at the Didsbury Complex, dinner theatre. See Janet Rosenke, Terry Russell, Birgit Due or Beulah Gilson for tickets.

## Environmental experiments

Alberta Pools sees the future of the environment resting with the involvement of today's youth. Alberta rural youth are invited to participate in "Doc Dangerfield's Amazing Environmental Investigations," an Alberta Pool designed program to raise awareness of the environmental concerns on farms.

Participants will perform fun, safe experiments from Doc Dangerfield's Guide to Saving the Environment on their farm. They will then be asked to submit a report on their findings and the top three submissions will be awarded prizes valued at \$1000 each.

Participants will receive additional support materials to

enrich the Doc Dangerfield experience," says John Petruic with Alberta Pool. "The program cassette included in the kit offer supplementary environmental tips and advice. We also want to encourage the use of Alberta Pool's Farm Environmental Risk Assessment Guide by the participant's parents."

Watch for your Doc Dangerfield enrolment cards that will be included in all upcoming Alberta Pool statements, or pick up the enrolment card at your local Alberta Pool outlet. Return the completed registration to Alberta Pool by Mar. 31, 1998. Kits for the experiments will be mailed upon registration.



## Didsbury Municipal Library news

### NEW ARRIVALS

Cat who sang for the birds by Lilian Jackson Braun; Complete idiot's guide to making money on the Canadian stock market by Stephen Nelson; Faraway drawer by Harriet Diller; Gordon Pape's 1998 buyer's guide to RRSPs; Investigators by W.E.B. Griffins; Mother Hubbard's Christmas by John O'Brien; Whales of Canada by Erich Hoyt; plus the top 10 paperback bestsellers.

### COMING EVENTS

It is time to do some armchair travelling, the 3rd Annual Brown Bag Travel, running on Thursdays at 12:00 NOON sharp. So bring your lunch and we will supply the coffee and tea. Stop in at the library for a program schedule or check the library news in the newspaper. March 5 - "North Rim of the Grand Canyon": 45 minutes. March 12 - "Living on the Edge": 60 minutes. March 19 - "Great Canadian Train Ride": 80 minutes.

**NOTE** Charges for overdue materials has increased from \$.05 per item to \$.10 per item. So get those books in before they are overdue because it soon adds up.

# Mountain View Science Fair winners

The following is the list of winning projects from the Mountainview Science and Technology Society's Science Fair, held in Westglen School on Saturday, Feb. 28.

Grade 1 to 4:  
Gold Medal and Best of Fair-Jordana Wilde, Hugh Sutherland School, Detergent Dilemma.

Gold Medal and First runner-up-Benjamin Silcox, Hugh

Sutherland School, Uses of Solar Energy.

Gold Medal and Second runner-up-Kaitlyn Silcox, Hugh Sutherland School, Eating a Healthy Lunch.

Silver Medals:  
Daniel Neuberger, Olds Elementary School, Operation Neptune.

Jillian Tyler, Ross Ford Elementary School, Artificial Discrimination.

Brian Sceviour, Hugh Sutherland School, Origins of the Moon.

Rebecca Romanow, Ross Ford School, Rocks and the Earth.

Justene Ortman, Midway School, Which is the Strongest Towel?

Bronze Medals:  
Mitchel McCambly and Curtis Gillespie-Sayers, Hugh Sutherland School, Raptors.

Katelyn and Aimee Jensen, Hugh Sutherland School, More Stuff?

Jason Jackson, Olds Elementary School, Overcoming Friction.

Dallas Rodger, Midway School, A Salty Decision.

Grade 5 and 6:  
Gold Medal and Best of Fair-Tessa Lerbekmo, Cremona School, Which Glazing Works the Best for Solar Heating.

Gold Medal and First runner-up-Ashleigh Maetche, Reed Ranch School, Heat Transfer.

Gold Medal and Second Runner-up-Maddy Purves-Smith, Midway School, Chasing the Rainbow.

Gold Medal-Jennifer Jackson,

Deer Meadow School, The Best Paper Towel is...

Silver Medals:  
Ben Misener, Westglen School, Which Colors do Birds Prefer?

Ryler Mader and Tyler Rasmussen, Hugh Sutherland School, 3,2,1 Blast Off

Camille Scheible, Hugh Sutherland School, Where's the Starch?

Bronze Medals:  
Ian Warrington, Reed Ranch School, Color Blindness.

Jordan Jones, Hugh Sutherland School, The Rubber Egg.

Katie Speers and Samantha Donovan, Hugh Sutherland School, Lip Balm.

Michael Wittner, Hugh Sutherland School, The Car Engine.

Grades 7 to 12:

Gold Medal and Best of Fair (a tie)-Amberly Marciniak, Bugs, Bugs, Bugs and Kristen Tannas, Environmental Impact on Nesting.

Silver Medal and First runner-up-Katie Kaczmarek, Hugh Sutherland School, Vitamin Absorption.

Silver Medal and Second runner-up-Greg Overguard and Phil

McNeil, Westglen School, Stomach Acid Remedies.

Bronze Medals:  
Kirsten Myra and Megan Hagel, Cremona School, A Feedlot Study.

Randalee Kinch, Cremona School, Is Busy Better?

Ginger Lee Michaelchuk, Home-School, Fashion or Function.

Nathan Dahl, Westglen School, Heat.

Selena Brown, Deer Meadow School, Battery Life.

The medal winners from Grades 5-12 are now eligible to enter the Regional Science Fair to be held in Red Deer on March 27 and 28.

Specialty Awards:  
Nutrition Awards-Kaitlyn Silcox, Hugh Sutherland School; Camille Scheible, Hugh Sutherland School.

Nature Awards sponsored by Alberta Research Council-Lindsay Johnson, Hugh Sutherland School; Nathan Dahl, Westglen School.

Communication Awards sponsored by Telus-Jillian Tyler, Ross Ford School; Ian Warrington, Reed Ranch School.

Energy and Conservation Awards sponsored by Anderson Exploration-Benjamin Silcox, Hugh Sutherland School; Ashleigh Maetche, Reed Ranch School.



Jillian Tyler from Ross Ford placed high in the standings at the Mountain View County Science Fair.

## Cremona Lions 'Calving Report'

By Charlie Bird and Ken Naidoo

Many members of our club are extremely busy with calving, and we expect attendance to drop in the next little while (sometime in March). So this is a good time to take stock of some of our achievements, project into the future and give our members and the local community an update of what has occurred.

Student exchange:

We certainly put a lot into this aspect of Lionism. Once again Cremona seems to have hit the jackpot in its choice of ambassadors. Cremona School students Trevor Roberts and Jenna Holbrook seem to be doing very well in Quebec. Though, at times, out of their depth, what with being in very large schools (2500 plus, five times the population of Cremona Village or Cremona School) language differences, etc., they are adjusting well. A card received from Trevor stated that he is looking forward to reporting to us at a Lion's meeting in May. We are sure that something similar will be forthcoming from Jenna.

Quest Program:

Cremona School teacher Tracy Edwards, who participated in this program is expected to be on hand at a future meeting to explain what the program entails, and how the money was spent. We look forward to meeting with Tracy and listening to her comments.

Cremona Lion Curling Bospital:

Many Lions members, wives

and family members were present to participate in this fun event. John Shand skipped the winners of the A event, while Barry Thompson was the winning skip of the B. Congratulations to both of you and to all who helped make this event a success.

Cremona Lions 28th Charter Night:

This event will be held on April 18. This perennially popular event should be marked on everyone's calendar. Be certain to take in this event. Tickets are available from Lions Club members.

Interclub visitation:

Various clubs in Cremona's immediate area will be invited

for this event, hosted by our club on March 23. Our reputation for good food and a fun time, while promoting the ideals of Lionism, are reflected in the large turnouts experienced in former years.

Cremona Lions Twinning:

Our twin club this year is Calgary Heritage. We expect to visit this club sometime in March. A reciprocal visit will be made by the Heritage club at a date to be announced. This twinning program allows clubs to learn how others operate, and to learn and improve on what is being done. Goodwill and friendship development are some of the spin-offs of the program.

Personal file:

Lion Ralph Thomson was admitted to Cochrane's Bethany Home. He is doing well and was on hand at the Lion's Curling Bonspiel. It was good to see you Ralph, partici-

pating in the cribbage tournament.

Lion Stan Pearson's wife, Helen has also been under the weather for some little while. Both have had to move to Calgary but we understand Helen is coping well, and moving around in her wheelchair.

Our best wishes go to Ralph and Helen for a speedy recovery.

Membership:

While most Lions Clubs worldwide are experiencing a drop in membership, we in Cremona are exceedingly fortunate to be holding our own. In fact we will most likely see an increase in numbers in the next little while. Presently membership stands at 54. Two new members are a possibility. Details will follow.



### LOCAL REALTOR RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS AWARD!



Congratulations to MEL DICK, pictured above from left to right: David Landry, Vice-President & Regional Manager of Western Canada; Mel Dick; Simon Dean, President of Royal LePage R.E. Services; and Andy Puthon, Vice President of the Associate Broker Network.

Mel received the President's Gold Award for the second time in the last 4 years for earnings in the top 10 percent for the region. He would like to thank his customers and clients for their patronage and he looks forward to offering continued quality service.

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**Sheryl  
ROTHERT**

## So... now what's to eat?

Sheryl Rothert is a wife, mother and an advocate of healthy food choices with a B.Sc., B.Ed. in Home Economics. With more than a decade's worth of teaching experience, Rothert now offers tips and recipes for today's busy family.

March is here! Spring is right around the corner, right?! I hope this column doesn't find us in the midst of that surprise snowstorm those other prairie folk had last week! Whatever weather we're in this week, this recipe will come in handy. Maybe it will remind you of that Spring coming up with Spring planting close behind! P.S. Are you getting those kids to help out with dinner prep. ? I know there's some very adept young chefs out there - give 'em a whirl and relax! Clean-up's rather questionable sometimes, but practice makes perfect.

### Chicken/Vegetable Stir-Fry

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|-----------------------------|--|
| 3 lbs. small chicken thighs | 1 c. walnuts                             |
| 2 Tbsp. soy sauce           | 3 small zucchini, in chunks              |
| 2 Tbsp. dry wine            | 1/2 lb. mushrooms, sliced                |
| 1/4 tsp. sugar              | 1 bunch green onions, cut into 3" pieces |
| 1/4 tsp. red pepper flakes  | 1/2 c. canola oil                        |
| 1/8 tsp. ground ginger      | 1 small Chinese cabbage                  |
| Salt                        | 10 cherry tomatoes, cut in half          |

1. Start 45 min. before serving: In medium bowl, combine the 1st six ingredients with 1 1/2 tsp. salt / set aside.
  2. In 12" skillet, over medium heat, in hot oil - cook walnuts about 3 min. Remove walnuts to paper towel to drain, leaving oil in skillet.
  3. Cook zucchini, mushrooms, green onions, and 1/2 tsp. salt until zucchini is tender-crisp - 5 min. Spoon into med. bowl, leaving oil.
  4. Cook chicken mixture from Step 1 about 10 min., stirring constantly.
  5. Reduce heat to medium, cover and cook 10 more min. until brown.
  6. While chicken is cooking, shred cabbage and arrange on a large platter.
  7. When chicken is done, add tomatoes and cooked vegetables; heat through.
  8. Spoon mixture onto cabbage and sprinkle with walnuts.
- \*\*\*\*\*Serves 6 with steamed rice.

**CHANGES:** For meat, you could also use pork pieces and substitute cucumber for the zucchini. An addition or alternate to any of the vegetables can be carrots, just be sure your combination has lots of colour!

**TIP of the week:** Did you save the latest promo from Reader's Digest for their book Kitchen Secrets? Order or not, the brochure has some good tips! One such tip is "to save 1/2 an avocado, leave the pit in to avoid browning."

## Alzheimer Support Group to hold information night

Albertans have waited long enough for a substitute to the complicated and expensive procedures in obtaining guardianship and trusteeship under the Dependant Adults Act. In June of 1991, the Alberta Legislature passed the Powers of Attorney Act, by which allows adult persons to choose for themselves, while mentally capable, who will oversee their financial affairs should they become unable to do so themselves. This act does not include guardianship.

However, on Dec. 1, 1997, the Personal Directives Act became law in Alberta. This act allows a person to specify who

will make decisions regarding care and treatment in the event of his or her incapacity. The chosen family member or caregiver will have access to the predetermined wishes of the person who is unable to speak for himself.

The Alzheimer and Longterm Caregiver's Support Group is offering to caregivers and the general public an opportunity to learn for themselves about the Personal Directives Act on March 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Day Support Room of DDHS. Wes Bott from the Public Guardian Office in Red Deer will be on hand to explain the act and offer

helpful information. This is an opportunity for adults to free themselves of worry about their own future care and to assist families by allowing them to follow the wishes of their loved ones. For further information call 335-3409.



### STARTING TO BOIL

Museum President, Marg Weaver accepts a cheque for \$1500 from the Didsbury Lion's towards the purchase and installation of the new boiler and heating system at the Museum. From left to right, Al Gingrich, Marg Weaver, Hans Janssen and Willard

## Didsbury Hospital Auxiliary report

The regular meeting of the Mountain View Hospital Auxiliary was held on Mar. 5 at the Nursing Home assembly room.

We attended the memorial service in the hospital chapel at the same time, when the life and work of the late Hazel Milne was recognized. Milne had been a very dedicated member of our Auxiliary and Community for many years.

It was decided that the annual volunteer appreciation supper would be held in June; the exact date be announced.

More volunteers are needed in the gift shop and for the tuck cart.

Lunch was served following the meeting.

Auxiliary meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month. Visitors and new members are welcome.

## Growing Opportunities in Food and Agriculture

### Meat Processing

In recent years, there have been three jobs for every graduate of our Meat Processing Program. Roughly a quarter of our graduates have started their own business. The course lasts 19 weeks, covering everything from retail meat cutting, to the production of European deli-meats, to slaughter. This is the most comprehensive program of its kind in Canada and it's ideal whether you are hoping to set up your own business, like a specialty meat shop, or advance your career working for a major meat processor.

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# The latest news from the Dragon's Den

Welcome to another exciting addition from the Dragon's Den.

With the basketball season winding down, the J.V. Girls and Boys Teams are playing the most intense games of their season.

The next couple of games will determine whether the two teams will make it to Zones.

Congratulations to the J.V. girls for coming in first place at the tournament in Oyen!!! They played a total of three games and destroyed their opponents by at the least 20 points in each game! Way to go Girls!! Carla Shultz also deserves a round of applause for participating and winning the Round World Competition. Good job Carla!

The senior girls basketball team had a very competitive and tough season as well. Unfortunately, they didn't make it to zones, but in the spirit of basketball they will play a few exhibition games throughout the month of March.

The J.V. boys have almost been unstoppable during their season. On March 4, the J.V.

Boys were victorious in defeating Carstairs and will now enter the Zones tournament in first place. Good luck to all J.V. basketball players!!!

The boys and girls curling team was involved in a zones competition in Drumheller and did exceptionally well. Mandy Peterman lead Courtney Murphy, Joelle May and Stephanie McNeil into a silver medal victory at the 1998 Alberta Winter Games. A job well done to all curlers!!!

Amy Hunter was another successful participant in the Winter Games that were held in Red Deer on the February 19-22 weekend. She played on a Zone 2 Female Hockey Team, which won a silver medal. Most noticeable is that of the 65 girls were at the try-outs only 19 were chosen, and Amy Hunter was one of the 19. Congratulations to Amy and we look forward to routing her on at the next Winter Olympics, if she continues to do as well as she is currently in her sport!!!

The Physical Education 30

class is anticipating the two day ski trip taking place on March 11 and 12. The P.E. 10/20 class will be "hittin' " the slopes on March 18.

The Grad '98 class would like to remind anyone interested in purchasing a home made pizza to get orders in to any grad. Again the selection of pizza's are: Hawaiian, Deluxe and Pepperoni.

This is the time of year that Graduates should begin applying for scholarships for their post secondary education. As many will notice, there are a number of scholarships listed in the March edition of the DHS Newsletter, which was handed out Friday, March 6.

One further addition to this list of scholarships is from Lindsey Morden Claim Services Limited and offers \$1000.00 to any student who has a parent or guardian working in the Insurance Industry. Most of the scholarship information is displayed immediately outside the DHS Main Office and further information is also available from

Mr. Neuberger.

The University of Lethbridge is also offering one ticket to a major Production free of charge to all potential BFA (Drama) and BFA/BE (Drama) students. Further information can also be obtained from Mr. Neuberger.

Ms. Turner's English 20 and 30 classes had the opportunity to experience the all female cast performance of Lear at the Pumphouse Theatre in Calgary on Thursday, March 5. The students dined at McDonalds en route and were complimented on their excellent behaviour!!!

Russ Bisschop has agreed to critique this play:

"I have one word that can completely sum up this play-ambiguous. At many points during this production I found myself wrestling with whether some of these women were playing male or female characters. The reason this was a problem was because of their initial references to some of the characters as "boy" or "sir", then

referring to the same characters as "woman" and "madame". Interesting how the confusion created by one of Shakespeare's plays was created by the characters, and not the language.

Despite these slight confusions, the play was powerfully delivered. It is difficult to say who did a better job of fulfilling her artistic role, as the actors were all quite outstanding. Lear gave a very convincing account of a country completely populated by females, sort of a quasi-amazon setting which made the play that much more interesting, as it gave fresh point of view. All in all, Lear was an excellent production. I especially enjoyed the end of the play as the actor's practically pulled you into their roles with their outstanding performance, leaving you emotionally drained when the lights fell to signal the end. I recommend Lear to those who enjoy any sort of theatre because its quality outshines many other productions today."

## RELIGION

# Way of life: A big investment from God

There has been a lot of interest and news recently about cloning. A big question that arises is when will they attempt to clone man? I personally believe that this will never happen because man is created above animal in that we have the ability to think and have a soul.

I remember a number of years ago a statement being made that if we were to take all of the elements that constitute us and put a price on them it might amount to 99 cents. However, let me

share with you an article that I came across recently that sheds a whole new light on what you and I are really worth.

"Biophysicist Harold J. Morowitz of Yale University reached some startling conclusions about the monetary value of a human body. Taking into consideration the proteins, enzymes, RNA, DNA, amino acids, and other complex biochemicals

that make up the stuff of life, he stated that these raw mate-

rials would be very expensive -- more than any previous estimate. Dr. Morowitz said; 'Fashioning this chemical shopping list into human cells might cost \$6,000,000,000,000,000 (six quadrillion dollars). Assembling the resulting heap of sells into tissue, the tissue into organs, and the organs into a warm body might drain all the treasures of the world, with no guarantee of success.'"

As we think about this, we are impressed anew by the astounding wisdom and creative power of the Lord who made us. The Psalmist in Psalm 139:14 said; "I am fearfully and won-

derfully made. Marvelous are Thy works!"

Unlike the animals, human beings have been made in God's own image for the purpose of fellowship with Him. Therefore, when Adam and Eve rebelled against their Creator, He did not let them perish. He loved the fallen human race so

much that He gave His only Begotten Son to redeem man, for man is the crown of His creation. In the light of all this, we should stand in awe at the marvelous work of God's divine fingers in forming man. Realizing that He has a lot "invested" in us, let us use that investment for His glory.



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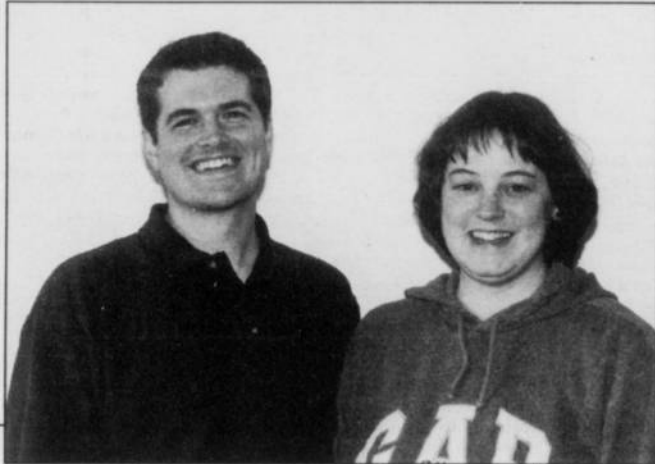
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# Faces

a brief glimpse at the people and events in our community

Compiled by Nicole Smith



## Food Bank Day

Many people rely on chiropractors to help them have a more comfortable life. Likewise, many people rely on food banks to have a meal on the table. Next week the two will be teaming up to help support the needy in our community.

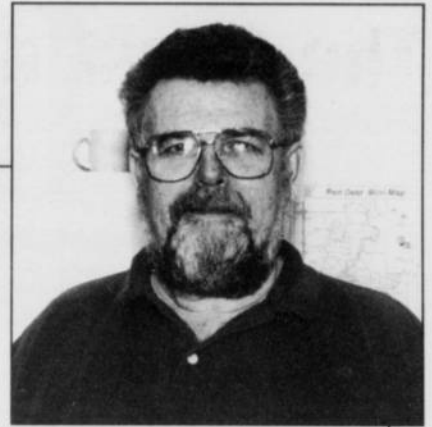
On March 17, Dr. Dave Phillips and Dr. Kirsten Phillips will be devoting one full business day to assist the local Food Bank in meeting its increasing demands.

Treatment fees will be waived for chiropractic patients bringing in non-perishable food items. Clients who choose to pay for their treatment will be pleased to know that all patient fees for Food Bank Day will also be donated.

The Food Bank Campaign Day is an event that many chiropractors in Alberta used to involve themselves with, but have chosen not to this year. Dave says that they felt that a can of soup wasn't worth the work that they had to do, so are not participating in the program this year.

The Phillips feel that the Food Bank Campaign Day is a worthy cause and say that people usually make worthwhile contributions to the charity.

"We chose to continue with the program this year, because it's a lot of fun for us and we get the satisfaction of knowing that we're helping a worthy cause," said Dave.



## Trade Show

Plans are really rolling along for the 1998 Didsbury Trade Show, being held April 4 and 5, at the Didsbury Memorial Complex.

The trade show allows local businesses to feature their services and products to a great deal of the public.

Burt Speer, Chairman of the Trade Show Committee, says that there were approximately 3700 paid attendants at the show last year, and is hoping for even more this year.

Some businesses that have already paid for a booth at the show are Shear Ecstasy, Intra Don's World Travel, the Alberta Treasury Branch and Tupperware.

Speer also says that a business has bought a booth to show llamas at, which is something a little different for this year.

There will be a talent contest sponsored by Q-91, the 6th annual Fiddle Jamboree, the 5-0 Singers, as well as a lot more local talent.

The Trade Show is being sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, and booths are \$225 each for the two days. Speer says that 75% of the booths have already been sold.

"The Trade Show takes a lot of work, but in the end it all just comes together," he said.

Along with the Trade Show, there will be a pancake breakfast on April 4, the Annual Art Show and Sale, and a free swim at the Didsbury Aquatic Centre on April 5.

Speer says that "there's always new and different stuff" at the Trade Show, and that there will be at least 15 new booths this year.

"It's an excellent opportunity to visit with friends and neighbours, because everyone will be at the Trade Show," said Speer.

## Helping hands unite to help others

The Knox United Thrift Shop had a very successful year. All the volunteers did a great job. The shop raised money by selling clothing and other items that were donated by people in the community. All the funds raised go back into the community and to missions so all our efforts are greatly appreciated. - Convenor, Debbie McEwen

## Knox United Thrift Shop Donations for 1997:

Horizon School	\$100.00
Operation Eyesight	\$200.00
Foster Parents Plan Overseas	\$200.00
Family Violence Prevention Services (Sundre)	\$300.00
Red Deer Women's Shelter	\$500.00
Rosebud Health Foundation	\$1000.00
Didsbury Community Bus	\$200.00
Christmas Hampers	\$500.00
Lions Club (new) Handi-Bus	\$500.00
Alzheimer's Society of Alberta	\$500.00
St. Stephen's College	\$300.00
Jellinek Society	\$200.00
Padnoma Support Services	\$300.00
Mtn. View Assoc. for Handicap	\$100.00
Padnoma Project #4 Didsbury	\$500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5400.00</b>

## Distribution of Excess Funds from 1997:

Padnoma Project #4 Didsbury	\$500.00
Didsbury Historical Society	\$1000.00
Olds and District Food Bank	\$500.00
Lions Club New Handi-Bus	\$500.00
Didsbury Children's Group Home #1	\$500.00
Red Deer Women's Shelter	\$500.00
Didsbury House #1 (originally Pathways)	\$500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4000.00</b>



Super kids: Kasey Luft, Heather Smith, Ashley Nussbaum, Wesley Dunbar, Zachary Pochapsky, Charlyee O'Dell, Rebekah Nussbaum, Joseph Edinger, Stephanie Southgate, Brett Martens, Vicky Shachtay, Joel Couture, Lindsey Howden.

Missing: Richard Venneman, Coral Lonsdale, Dylan Hopkins, Mackenzie Kimmel, Jessica Porter.

Missing from previous weeks: Christopher Large



# In Business

## Two chefs are cooking

By Ceilidh McClurg

Food is more than just something that is necessary to the sustenance of life, it is art.

That is they way the new owner of the Didsbury Inn Restaurant feels about his job.

Abdel Chouchene took over the restaurant on Mar. 2.

"My philosophy is that people eat with their eyes first," says Chouchene. It is apparent in the way a simple plate of chicken fingers is transformed from a boring lunch into a gourmet looking meal.

The family arrived in Didsbury from BC only a couple of days before he re-opened the restaurant. His wife and two year old daughter were at home busy unpacking.

Chouchene and his 11 year old son were busy in the kitchen at the restaurant preparing their "masterpieces." Ashraf has been working with his father in the kitchen since he was just five years old and

has come to love cooking as much. In fact, he has his own, albeit smaller, version of the cooks uniform complete with hat.

The father-son team are proud of their partnership and have renamed the restaurant around it.

*Two Chefs Restaurant* at the Didsbury Inn, has changed their menu significantly. Chouchene calls it "Western continental cuisine." They also plan to make use of the elegant buffet equipment by offering Sunday brunch and evening buffet and Friday night buffet. Every other night of the week, there are specials ranging from pasta night to seafood special.

Chouchene arrives with much experience in cooking, having worked all over the world for over 30 years.

His last job was managing a number of restaurants, including Fairmont Hot Springs Resort Hotel.

He trained in places like Paris, Switzerland, and Tunisia. He

speaks English, French and Arabic. He has also worked all over the country from Quebec to BC and competed in cooking competitions, winning a number of medals.

It has been his world travels that have added a touch of flare to his cooking. He has collected over 600 cookbooks from all over the world.

Chouchene is also very proud of his collection of painted dishes and spoons. He plans to add to the decor of the restaurant by hanging them around the dining room to show them off.

He says the biggest selling point of the business is, "fresh ingredients and good quality." The prices at *Two Chefs Restaurant* will remain in the same range as they have been under former owners.

Says Chouchene, "I'm not here for a quick buck, I'm here to run a business... to care about people and to serve good food."



IT'S ALL IN THE PREPARATION  
Ashraf Chouchene, 11, carefully lays out a plate of vegetables as the side dish to a delectable dinner.



### HAPPY TO SERVE

Above, Abdel and son Ashraf are happy to serve you at *Two Chefs Restaurant*. The Chouchene family just moved to Didsbury and say they like the atmosphere and the people in town.

Right, Abdel has won many medals in cooking competitions around the world, which he proudly displays in the dining room.



## Alberta Agriculture nominations

Ed Stelmach, Minister Agriculture Food and Rural (AAFRD) has announced that nominations for the 1998 Alberta Agriculture Hall of Fame are now being accepted.

"There are thousands of individuals who dedicate their lives to the agriculture industry in this province, from the farmer in the field to people in research, processing and marketing there are those who have made such a significant contribution that their achievements cannot be overlooked. The Hall of Fame recognizes these individuals."

Being inducted into the Hall of Fame is the highest honour AAFRD bestows on those who have gained wide recognition for their successful endeavours and achieved outstanding careers in agriculture, food or rural development. Any Albertan who has made an exceptional contribution at the local, provincial national or international agriculture level is eligible for nomination.

Since its inception in 1951, the Hall of Fame has honoured 102 men and women who exemplify agricultural leadership and accomplishment. Those chosen to be inducted into the Hall of Fame this year will be honoured October 16, 1998, during Agriculture and Food Week.

Nomination forms are available at any AAFRD district office or by contacting:

Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development  
Communications Division  
J.G. O'Donoghue Building  
7000- 113 Street  
Edmonton AB T6H 5T6  
Phone: 427-2127

All nomination forms must be returned by March 15, 1998



# Pipeline past Didsbury to be expanded

Amoco Canada Petroleum Company Ltd. announced March 5 that it has filed a conversation and reclamation application with Alberta Environmental Protection (AEP) for expansion of the west leg of the Alberta Ethane Gathering System (AEGS). A pipeline application will be submitted to the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (AEUB) later this month.

Operated by Amoco Canada, the AEGS is a pipeline system designed to transport ethane from extraction plants to other pipelines and markets within Alberta. The application proposes to expand the system to accommodate an increased demand for ethane in Alberta. The desired expansion involves "looping" two sections of the existing pipeline, which runs from Cochrane to Joffre, by installing new eight inch pipe adjacent to the existing pipeline,

and using to the extent possible, the existing pipeline right-of-way.

The two sections to be looped total approximately 105 kilometres of the pipeline. One section of the proposed looping will commence just north of Cochrane and run north-east from approximately 45 km to west of Carstairs. The second looped section will start near Didsbury and run north-east for approximately 60 km to just north of Highway #42.

"Amoco Canada is working with landowners, residents and other stakeholders to ensure they are informed and involved in all phases of the project and we are making every effort to minimize impact on the environment," said Don Moe, Amoco Canada's Manager, Natural Gas Liquids Supply and Business Development.

"Moving into the construc-

tion phase of this significant expansion is another step toward the development and growth of a healthy, world class, petrochemical industry in our province."

Amoco Canada has designed the expansion project with the safety of the community and the environment in mind. Comprehensive plant, wildlife, soils and archaeological studies have been conducted to help reduce any impact to the environment. Landowners and residents within the area of the proposed expansion have been sent information packages, and are being kept informed at all stages of the project. Amoco Canada is also consulting with various stakeholders on the routing of the pipeline.

The expansion project will add 23,000 barrels per day of capacity yielding a total of

80,000 barrels per day on the west leg. Pending AEP and AEUB approval, construction of the pipeline is expected to take place during the summer of 1998.

Amoco Canada Petroleum Company Ltd. is a Calgary-based energy company, involved in the ex-

ploration, production and marketing of natural gas, conventional and heavy oil, natural gas liquids and petrochemicals. It is part of Amoco Corporation, a global producer of oil, natural gas, refined products and chemicals, with annual revenues of more than US \$36 billion.

## Olds Auction Market Report

Market report for the week ending March 3. Cattle 3048; Hogs 222.

### BUTCHER CATTLE:

C1 Heiferettes 54 to 70; Feeder Cows 50 to 60.  
Grain Fed and Exotic 49 to 53; Med. Flesh Cows 45 to 48.  
Older Cows 40 to 44; Holstein Cows 40 to 50.  
Bologna Bulls 58 to 66; Feeder Bulls 67 to 80

### REPLACEMENT CATTLE

250-380 lb steers 120 to 148; heifers 112 to 134  
400 lb steers 120 to 146; heifers 110 to 127  
500 lb steers 117 to 137; heifers 109 to 120  
600 lb steers 110 to 125; heifers 102 to 119  
700 lb steers 97 to 110; heifers 95 to 106  
800 lb steers 94 to 103; heifers 91 to 101  
900 lb steers 88 to 98; heifers 86 to 95  
1000 lb steers 83 to 94; heifers 80 to 92  
Bred cows 750 to 1120; Bred heifers 850 to 1130  
Cow/Calf pairs 910 to 1220

### DAIRY BARN:

Baby bull calves 150 to 250; with larger calves 250 to 420  
Baby heifer calves 50 to 225; with larger calves 230 to 400  
Dairy cows 625 to 1000

### HOG DIVISION:


Weiner pigs 20 to 30;  
Small feeders 30 to 60; Larger feeders 60 to 80  
Sows and gilts 80 to 120; Boars 50 to 75

### SHEEP AND GOATS:

Feeder lambs 80-120  
Nannies 80; Billies 75

### FEED:

Hay 1.50 to 4.00; Large round bales 35 to 38  
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# Computer Spreadsheets-The first "killer application"

If you could have only one program on your computer, which one would you choose? A word processor? An Internet browser? Solitaire? My choice would definitely be an electronic spreadsheet. The spreadsheet was arguably the first microcomputer application. Created by Dan Bricklin and Bob Frankston in 1978, the first electronic spreadsheet was named Visicalc and it quickly became the main reason to buy an Apple II, the world's first practical microcomputer. Entrepreneurs, accountants and others who work with numbers saw the potential right away. As early as 1980, Alberta Agriculture's Farm Business Management Branch was showing farmers how Visicalc could be used to automate farm projections and reports.

With the advent of Windows 95, the Internet, and affordable personal computers, computer technology now reaches into every corner of our lives. Computer use in farm business is growing so fast that surveys can't keep up. My guess is that

between 60% and 80% of all commercial farms use computers, usually for record keeping, word processing and email. In a straw poll at a recent Central Alberta farm women's conference, 12 out of 18 people indicated that they owned a computer with CD-ROM capabilities.

Spreadsheets have evolved since 1978 as well. The main competitors, Lotus 123, Microsoft Excel and Corel Quattro Pro are extremely powerful tools that incorporate all kinds of advanced capabilities, but they're still based on the original Visicalc concept. A problem that I've noticed lately is that many computer users don't understand how spreadsheets work or why they'd want to use one. For business owners and managers, the ability to use a computer spreadsheet is one of the most powerful management skills anyone could ask for. A spreadsheet is a tool to help answer 'what if' questions, a way to create plans, forecasts and projections and just about anything else you want it to do. It's truly a user-friendly prob-

lem solving tool. Just as cheap electronic calculators freed us from the drudgery of long division, spreadsheets can free us from the repetitive calculations and the data manipulations involved in business planning (or even in setting up a Stanley Cup hockey pool).

How can you learn to put a computer spreadsheet to work? Corel, Microsoft and Lotus include spreadsheets in their "Office," "Suite" and "Works" programs, so you may already have a spreadsheet installed on your computer. One way to get started is to just "do it." Take an existing problem or a project to which you need an answer and try to solve it using your spreadsheet. Start by entering values (numbers) and then labels (text that describes what the numbers represent). An example is 20 bushels; "20" is a value and "bushels" is a label. The idea is to build formulas to add, subtract, multiply and divide these values in order to answer your question. Then, as you vary the input values, the answers (or outputs) change accordingly. You'll

probably run into some problems, but refer to the program's help function or ask someone and you'll soon get the idea. Another approach is to get a copy of a sheet written by someone else and try to follow what they've done. A third idea is to find a computer applications course offered by your local high school or adult education association.

So, as you search for ways to

build and update your management abilities, consider putting spreadsheets and other basic computer skills at the top of your list. As an owner or a manager, these skills are crucial as you plan, report and analyse your business' operations in today's fast-moving environment. A proficiency with spreadsheets may be the competitive advantage you were looking for.

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Market report for the week ending March 4. 484 total head.

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400-500 lb ave	1.25-1.40 per lb
500-600 lb ave	1.20-1.35 per lb

### HEIFER CALVES

300-500 lb ave	1.00-1.35 per lb
500-600 lb ave	1.00-1.20 per lb

### YEARLING STEERS

650-750 lb ave	1.10-1.16 per lb
800-850 lb ave	1.00-1.05 per lb
900-950 lb ave	0.93-1.00 per lb
950-1010 lb ave	0.92-0.99 per lb

### YEARLING HEIFERS

700-800 lb ave	1.00-1.11 per lb
800-900 lb ave	.95-1.08 per lb
1000-1100 lb ave	.90-1.01 per lb

### FEEDER COWS

40-55 per lb
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### BUTCHER COWS

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## Are kids just cargo?

Farmers are learning to be careful with their hands around machinery, but then turn around and bundle their babies into the half-tonne for a trip to town, without making sure the children are secured in a properly installed car seat.

In a recent article in the Western Producer, Dean Haaf of the Llyodminster Health District, reported that he had yet to see a farm truck with a properly installed (child) car seat. Most child car seats require fastening by the seat belt, plus a tether strap that is bolted directly to the truck. Haaf said farm moms and dads aren't intentionally risking their children's lives, they just don't know how to properly use the seats, because instructions which come with the car seats are impossible to read. Not only do farm families not know how to properly install child car seats, most do not realize that more than 120 types of these seats have been recalled.

There is also the issue of misplaced priorities according to Haaf. For most car seats to be safely used, a bolt for a tether strap has to be installed, which most people don't do because it means drilling a hole in the back wall of their \$40,000 vehicle. Lack of this bolt and tether strap could, however, result in the car seat and child smashing through the windshield in a collision.

Haaf says parents need to understand how the seat works, including how to use the tether strap, the chest clip, and the locking clip. In manufacturer instructions are inadequate, people can contact the Registered Nurses at their local Health Unit, or the RCMP for more information. As well, some vehicle manufacturers



have programs offering installation and/or tether straps on a cost sharing basis. Check with the dealer where you purchased your truck.

Haaf concluded his article by urging farm families to consider that farm safety does not end in the shop or in the field, and that the proper installation and use of child car seats is a major health issue. Child car seats should not be a forgotten part of farm safety.

From Mountain View Partners for Farm Health and Safety, recognize the hazards, farm safely, and save a little work for tomorrow.

## Livestock producers seek privatized brand inspection

Alberta cattle producers and their organizations are negotiating to take over the brand inspection system that has been run by the government of Alberta for nearly 100 years.

"The brand inspection system has served producers well over the last years," said Dale Wilson, Chairman of Livestock Identification Services (LIS), the producer group that has been established to run the privatized service.

"The provincial government, and other governments, has signalled in a variety of ways that they want to get out of businesses like this that service just one segment of society. Given the changing role of government in the economy, we strongly feel that this service will be more sustainable and accountable in industry's hands. The beef cattle industry is going through tremendous change and we believe that a producer run system will be able to react more quickly to new needs and new technology, providing greater value for producer fees."

LIS will be run by a Board of Directors consisting of representatives from and accountable to, the major cattle producers organizations in the province including the Alberta Cattle Commission, the Alberta Cattle Feeder's Association, the Western Stock Growers Association, the Feeders Association of Alberta, the Alberta Auction Markets Association and the Alberta Livestock Dealers and Order Buyers Association. Alberta Agriculture will have a non-voting position on the Board. Other groups may place representatives on the Board as the system gets established.

"Initially we anticipate very little change in the current brand inspection process," said Wilson.

"However over time we will be looking at ways to add value, by improving the system and exploring new technology. The important thing is that any adjustments we make will be those that benefit Alberta producers and will only be made if producers want them."

Legislation for the creation of LIS is expected to be tabled in the Alberta legislature during the Spring session.

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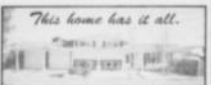
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"Our mandate's quite simple. We want Albertans to know we're here for long-run, and we're committed to building our industry with a keen eye on the environment, the economy and Alberta's quality of life."

Why is this important? According to Roy Kruse, Promotions Manager for the Alberta Pork Producers and one of the industry team members who spearhead Growing Alberta, it's vital. "Agriculture is a resource based industry. We have to be accountable for the way we use Alberta's air, soil and water. Moreover, we're an industry

that impacts people personally, in a million ways, everyday - through food, pharmaceuticals, clothing and so much more. We think Albertans need to know we don't take their natural resources for granted."

Now in its third year of operation, Growing Alberta is getting ready to launch the fourth phase of its long-term communications strategy. The current phase will profile specific ways agriculture is managing air, soil and water quality, and food safety. Through print and radio ads, handouts, media, displays, and more, Albertans will learn: that cattle producers are using new ways to manage water quality, maintain streamside vegetation and protect wildlife habitats; how the hog industry is looking at new odor control systems and chemical-free methods to convert raw manure into renewable resources; how regulators, processors, retailers and food service operators are using innovative technology and science to maintain Canada's outstanding track record for food safety; servation programs have revolutionized crop farming and maintained precious soil quality and help preserve habitat. For our messages to be heard and remembered, we know we have to deliver hon-

The harvest is brought in this past fall on a farm just east of Didsbury.

Photo By Ceilidh McClurg



est, quality information in highly creative ways", says Hodgman.

Growing Alberta's messages are developed and distributed by a team of industry and government leaders representing all sectors of agriculture. From "gate to plate", Growing Alberta speaks on behalf of producers, processors, manufacturers, distributors, regulators, R&D, food service operators and retailers. The program is fueled by a 50:50 blend of private sector financing matched by funds from Alberta Agriculture Food and Rural Development. Growing Alberta is man-

aged by the agriculture industry's Agriculture and Food Council.

"It's exciting to be part of an industry-wide initiative," offers Bryan Walton, Vice President, Western Region, Canadian Council of Grocery Distributors. "Growing Alberta is mobilizing the entire industry to speak with one voice. This makes us accountable to Albertans and to each other as different industry sectors."

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What month of the year is the most risky to work on a farm? If you picked May, you're right - at least as far as the new 1997 statistics indicate. Last year, there were 1,385 farm-related injuries reported. That's down over 15% from the 1,637 injuries reported in 1996.

"A majority of these injuries

are cuts, bruises and broken bones," said Solomon Kyeremanteng, Manager of the farm safety program for Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development.

"While the numbers are still less than stellar, they are most certainly a step in the right direction."

In 1997, there were 17 fatalities on Alberta farms, down

from 21 in 1996, a 20% reduction.

"Injuries on the farm may not completely disappear," said Kyeremanteng, "but each of those fatalities was preventable. Again, the figures are down and that's a positive sign."

For the second straight year, there were more injuries from

livestock (43%) than injuries from machinery (29%).

Other 1997 statistics gathered from Alberta hospitals reporting to the Farm Accident Monitoring System include:

- over 50% of livestock injuries involved the handling of cattle

- for machinery, tractors were involved in the most injuries, followed by augers
- fingers and thumbs were the body part most often injured

- 18 to 34 year olds reported the highest number of

injuries

- 80% of the injuries involved males

- children accounted for over 14% of total farm related injuries.

Recently, a new CD-ROM called "Lost on the Farm," a farm safety adventure game, was distributed to rural elementary schools across Alberta.

"Programs such as this will go a long way to further reducing farm injuries in Alberta," said Kyeremanteng.

Farm Safety Week is March 11-18, 1998.

### Flushing bars save wildlife

First-cut haying activities coincide with the peak waterfowl nesting season, and often many nesting ducks fall victim to a cutting mower. Central Alberta farmers will now be able to save nesting waterfowl by installing a flushing bar to their mowers.

"Ducks, songbirds and a wide variety of mammals are attracted to hay lands as nesting sites and nurseries for their young, and are highly vulnerable during the first cut," says Brett Calverley, field biologist with Ducks Unlimited Canada.

This spring, flushing bars are being supplied and installed for farmers in central Alberta. It will add to over 17,000 acres being mowed annually with these devices in place.

The flushing bar is made of lightweight aluminium, and easily attaches to the front of tractors for use with pull-type hay cutting equipment. Chains, which are attached to the bar, drag through the hay as the machine moves. This motion frightens the nesting ducks and other wildlife to move away from the path of the mower.

"Farmers are generally very accepting of technology that will allow them to maintain their current hay production system, as well as save wildlife," says Calverley. "Approximately 80 farmers across central Alberta have signed 10-year commitments to use flushing bars on their pull-type mowers."

A study conducted on central Alberta first-cut hayfields in

1994 found that 100 per cent of the duck hens survived hay cutting activities when a flushing bar was used, whereas 48 per cent of all nest attending hens were killed with standard hay cutting techniques. "1997 was the first of a two-year study evaluating a similar device for self-propelled mowers," he says.

Ducks, songbirds, deer fawns and numerous other mammals are also expected to benefit from this technology. The flushing bar project is being funded jointly by the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, and Environment Canada under an Action 21 grant. Producers interested in the flushing bar program can contact Barry Bishop at the Ducks Unlimited office in Camrose, (403) 672-6786.

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### Macro- and micro-nutrients effect yield

If the nitrogen applied last year was supposed to yield a crop of at least 80 bushel/acre of quality feed barley but only 60 bushel/acre of mediocre grain was taken off, there are questions that need to be addressed before next planting season.

"One of the first things that should be done is a comprehensive soil test," says Dr. Ieuan Evans, plant disease specialist with Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development. "Soil testing is an essential tool for determining nitrogen, phosphate, potash, sulphur levels and identifying other nutrient needs. When doing the soil test be sure to avoid high and low or atypical areas of the field."

An 80 bushel/acre crop of barley needs over 100 lbs of nitrogen, 40 lbs of phosphate (P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>), 85 lbs of potassium (K<sub>2</sub>O) and 14 lbs of sulphur for both straw and grain production. The grain itself takes out 70 lbs of nitrogen, 30 lbs of phosphate, 20 lbs of potash and 6 lbs of sulphur. The balance of the nutrient (fertilizer) requirements is left in the straw.

"If any of these macro-nutrients were low or deficient, much of the nitrogen application is wasted," says Evans. "If soil test results show that macro-nutrient levels are fine, micronutrient levels should be checked. Again this can be done with soil testing samples."

As production puts heavier demands on cropland, micronutrients can be depleted. These micronutrients are also essential for optimum crop production.

"If soil testing shows copper levels of 0.3 ppm (parts per million) and zinc levels of 0.4 ppm, yield will definitely suffer," says Evans.

"For Alberta cropland, it is now recommended that soil copper and zinc levels should be over 1.0 ppm. European and Australian recommendations are around 1.5 ppm for copper and 3.0 ppm for zinc as minimum levels for cereal production."

"If a barley crop gets only half the zinc or copper micro-nutrients it needs, producers can expect up to a 50 per cent drop in yield or high percentages of thins."

Barley also has requirements for iron, boron, manganese, calcium and magnesium. These micro-nutrients are usually present in most soils. Soil testing will also show if any of these other micronutrients need to be added to the fertilizer mix.

"Approximately one acre in five on the prairies is low

to limiting in copper and about one is seven is low in sulphur," adds Evans. "The importance of soil testing can't be stressed enough. Especially where sandy, sandy loam, high organic and peat soils or soils receiving high amounts of livestock manure are concerned. These soils are often nutrient deficient or unbalanced in one or more macro- or micro-nutrients."

Nutrients alone are not entirely responsible for depressed yield and quality. Drought, flooding, frost, herbicide residues, insects and disease are all factors that must be considered. However, producers have complete control over the nutrient, or fertilizer, status of a crop. It makes sense to eliminate deficient macro- and micro-nutrient levels from the equation for success.



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### Eight driving forces shape agri-food demand

The agri-food industry is changing rapidly. As time becomes even more precious to people, changes in how and what they eat become more pronounced. A 1997 study, *The Pursuit of Quality, a Sustainable Growth Strategy for the Alberta Agri-Food Sector* by Toma & Bouma Management Consultants, points to eight specific factors that have a huge impact on what consumers want and how producers and processors can supply that demand. "The agri-food industry in Alberta is a thriving and growing part of agriculture in the province," says Lou Normand, director of processing industry division, Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development. "It is important for Alberta agri-food producers and processors to understand the trends shaping this changing industry. The study commissioned in 1997, gives us some real insights into global trends."

The eight 'driving forces' identified in the report are: population and demographic changes in North America; food for health and food as medicine; rapid growth in demand for food products in the Pacific Rim; technology advance-

ments in food production, processing and information systems; growth of global food production and marketing systems; public concern with food safety and origin; competition for markets (competitor response); and, the growing importance of trade and trade agreements. "Rising life expectancy and falling birth rates are significant trends in Alberta's major markets, Canada and the U.S.," says Normand. "Along with the increase in the average age of these consumers there are also factors of smaller average household size, a slowing or lowering of household income growth and changing patterns in both work and recreation in the family unit. These factors effect the type of food and food products families choose and impacts where and how meals are consumed, at home, in restaurants, drive-thru or pick-up."

These Lifestyle changes also change the retail side of the industry. Convenience and ready-to-serve food sections are growing in grocery stores and supermarkets. Home meal replacement products are being seen in restaurants, specialty stores and

supermarkets. Alternative retail outlets, specializing in ethnic foods, health foods and organic foods are also making their presence felt in the market. All of these changes are a direct result of consumers increasing demand for wholesome, high-quality and convenient food and food products.

"Probably the trend effecting the commodity side of agri-food the most is the demand for food as medicines and food for health," adds Normand. "Focussing on cereals, oilseeds and herb crops, consumers are looking for health enhancing foods and natural ingredients. Terms such as functional foods, phyto-pharmaceuticals,

nutraceuticals, carotenoids and aeolian plants are helping shape personal diet requirements. It's predicted that professional services offering customized diets based on age, weight, health, stress levels, disease pressures and/or metabolism will be one of the fastest growing 'service' industries in western Canada and U.S."

Research and development in the functional or nutraceutical areas of foods is second only to the research and development for food safety. It includes work with whole grains, portions of grains (oat and wheat bran), oil extracts and secondary products (bee pollen). Added benefits derived from natural plant

ingredients in herbs, oilseeds, pulse crops and tropical plants are constantly being advertised, and consumers, looking for extra benefits from the food they eat, are paying attention to the health science in foods and food products.

"Understanding how these two factors change agri-food demands and attitudes is the first step in staying on the leading edge of agri-food processing," says Normand. "Producers and processors are in a position where they must stay informed to plan intelligently. Consumer studies are one of the planning tools available to the agri-food industry."



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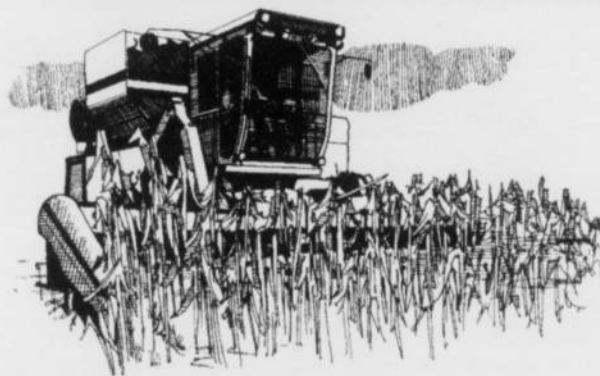


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At the club level, 4-H'ers learn how to run a meeting. They learn the responsibilities of executive and committee positions, how to make motions and report on their activities. As they *Learn To Do By Doing* through their club projects, they appreciate

the value of extra effort. Participating in events from the local to international levels, 4-H'ers, recognize the dynamics of competition.

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## Gearing Up For Spring!

### Pest predictions '98: Being forewarned is forearmed

Forewarned is forearmed. When dealing with crop pests, knowing what insects to be on the lookout for is the first step in being able to quickly treat a pest situation when it arises.

"This year there are three pests in particular that farmers should be checking for. These are Bertha armyworms, grasshoppers and lygus bugs," said Mike Dolinski, specialist in entomology with Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development.

"In the case of Bertha armyworm, parasitism in central and northern Alberta has been increasing to a point where the risk of Bertha infestation should be low but there is still risk north of the Yellowhead (#16) Highway. Farmers north of Hwy 16 should monitor their fields in late July and early August to get an idea of the Bertha population in their fields."

The whole Peace River block has the highest risk for Ber-

thas. Predictions of population numbers comes from monitoring the Berthas and the parasites that attack Berthas. There is usually a delay of two to three years before a population of parasites can bring the pest under control.

"The population numbers from last fall are such that farmers shouldn't panic," said Dolinski.

"However, they should be on the look out for Bertha armyworms so that if there is a

need to treat, they are able to quickly respond to the problem."

When checking a field and counting Bertha armyworms, remember that any more than 15 per square metre is the population density point where chemical treatment becomes necessary.

"The grasshopper population is gradually building, mostly in southeast Alberta," said Dolinski.

"Farmers should make note

of where they saw grasshoppers last fall and check those areas again in early spring, especially if it is a hot and dry spring."

Although not expecting any outbreaks of any consequences in 1998, the province is at the leading edge of a grasshopper resurgence. If Alberta farmers experience a good spring and a long, dry fall (excellent weather for laying eggs) it could bring a more severe problem in 1999.

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### Pest predictions for 1998 continued

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Lygus bugs in canola are the really big potential pest problem for 1998. Last year, 300,000 to 400,000 acres in south and central Alberta had to be sprayed for lygus bugs. On top of that, many fields, right through the province including the Peace River region, were infested but not treated because the problem wasn't identified in time.

"We're going into 1998 not knowing enough about lygus bug mortality and how the population will survive winter and build-up this spring to make any accurate prediction," said

Dolinski.

"Last year was the first year there was an outbreak situation in Alberta. There was an increase in lygus bug populations in almost the total province. Farmers have to be surveying canola fields and checking for lygus bugs from just prior to bud stage, right through to harvest."

Lygus bugs feed only on the reproductive parts of plants, the bud, bloom and then the seed in the pods. If farmers are finding a significant number of lygus bugs at the bud stage, they can assume that those adults are laying eggs and it's

their progeny that harm the seed pods in canola. If large numbers of adults are found through the bud and early flowering stages, farmers will likely have to spray right at the end of bloom.

"Spraying at the end of bloom, the recommended time, means


that we will concede some of the buds and blossoms to the bugs but protect the soon to be developing pods," said Dolinski.

"If a farmer sweeps a field at early bud stage and finds lots of lygus bugs, high enough numbers to prevent the plants from coming into bloom, it may be

necessary to spray early. While it takes care of the immediate problem, it also means farmers may need to spray again in the late bloom stage."


"The economic threshold for lygus is determined near the end of bloom using a sweep net." continued on Page 25

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"The threshold is 1.5 lygus/sweep based on three sets of 10 sweeps/set. In other words, if there are more than 15 lygus bugs found in 10 sweeps, you are close to having to make a decision on control. We're unsure of how much damage the bug does to canola late in the growing season but the damage definitely decreases as the seeds in the pods mature."

Alberta Agriculture staff will be carrying out lygus bug monitoring programs provincially. Each region will have a monitor-

ing program for this pest. Farmers should contact their local cereal and oilseed specialist for updates on lygus bug numbers in their area.

All canola producers will receive a factsheet on lygus bugs in their Canola Commission newsletter later this year outlining details on identification, detection and control.

"Bertha armyworms, grasshoppers and lygus bugs are the three pests farmers will want to pay special attention to this year," said Dolinski.

"One other pest that should

always be scouted for is flea beetles. Flea beetles overwinter as adults and there were a number

of producers that had problems with them last fall. Those producers who saw lots of flea bee-

ties last fall should watch for signs of flea beetles in early spring at emergence."

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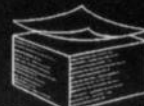
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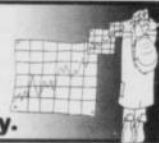
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# Sports and entertainment

## All-girl tournament a success over weekend

Another successful hockey tournament was hosted in Didsbury over the weekend of March 5-9, but this was no ordinary hockey tournament. This was the first all female tournament hosted in Didsbury in over 20 years. The tournament organizing committee of Diane Arnold, Bonnie Papineau, Karen Pieper and Brenda Choquette busted their butts (the only suiting description of how hard they worked) to ensure that all participants of the tournament had a weekend of great hockey, fair play and fun. Their efforts were truly appreciated, as over 190 female hockey players and their coaching staff did indeed experience all of that and more.

All ten teams (six in the Pee Wee Division and four in the Atom Division) entertained dedicated parents, hockey fans, friends and family for 17 action-packed games. Each team was guaranteed three games, with the top two in each division earning the right to play a fourth game for the championship.

In the Atom Division, Lethbridge, Calgary, Olds and Didsbury played a round-robin to earn the right to play the championship game. It was to be that the Didsbury Icemen would play the Lethbridge She-Devs in the final game. The two had met earlier in the day in round-



robin play with Didsbury coming out on top by a score of 3-0. In the final however, Lethbridge was out to even things up and held the Icemen to a scoreless game to win the championship by a score of 1-0.

In the Pee Wee Division, Calgary, Red Deer, Banff, Airdrie, Olds and Didsbury played a round-robin format as well with three teams organized into two pools. Didsbury placed second in their pool to go on to meet a

strong Calgary team in the semi-final match on Sunday. Calgary came out on top to advance to play for the championship against Airdrie, who had beat the Olds Raiders in the other semi-final match. Calgary again

came out as the dominant force and scored three goals that were left unanswered by Airdrie. Calgary had come out as the Pee Wee Division champion winning all four of their games in the tournament.

## Atom A's provide for exciting action in overtime

The Atom A's provided the fans two exciting and entertaining games this past weekend in the final round of league play-offs against second place Hanna. In two overtime games, both teams came out with a win a piece.

The first game, in the best of three series, was played in Didsbury on March 6. When Aaron Herold, assisted by Mike Monteith, scored off the opening face-off of the game it seemed to be a positive start for the team. Instead, the game turned out to be an uphill battle for Didsbury, and what a battle it was.

Didsbury's next goal wasn't made until the last minute of the second period, when Cody Edwards scored on a power play, assisted by Brad Edwards and Will Harvie. Meanwhile, it had been all Hanna, with three goals in the first and two more in the second, being up on Didsbury four goals until our power play goal.

C. Edwards' goal was the spark that lit the flame because going into the third, Didsbury came alive. With the

score 5-2, Jeff Clazie scored a minute into the period, assisted by Jesse Trenholm and Harvie. Midway through the third, a pass from B. Edwards enabled defenseman Jackson Meston to carry the puck up the ice to score to come within one goal of the opposition. The fans who had almost resigned to the fact of being down a game going to Hanna, were all on the edges of their seats. A minute later Robbie Leiper scored assisted by C. Edwards to tie up the game. Hanna, who had been put on the defensive, wasn't quite ready to quit yet, had a goal with five minutes left in the game to take a 6-5 lead. With a minute left in the game, Harvie scored assisted by Leiper and C. Edwards to send the game into overtime.

C. Edwards scored unassisted in overtime to the delight of the cheering fans. Final score of 7-6 for Didsbury. Awesome comeback boys.

It was deja vu when Didsbury travelled to Hanna on Sunday for game two. But this time it was Hanna who had to battle back from a four goal

deficit. Hanna, who was now in a must win situation, came out strong in the first period. They had many opportunities to score but goalie Cordell Christensen blocked shot after shot to shut them out. The first goal of the game was scored by Clazie with six minutes left in the first period.

In the second period, Didsbury dominated the play. Three more goals were scored for Didsbury: C. Edwards assisted by Brett Fillmore, Clazie assisted by Christopher Gole, and Gole assisted by B. Edwards, to make it a 4-0 game. But as in the Friday night game, a late second period goal (this time by Hanna) changed the momentum of the game.

In the third period, Hanna had Didsbury scrambling and as a result they scored three unanswered goals to tie up the game and send it into sudden death overtime for the second time of the weekend.

Despite opportunities by both teams the first eight minute overtime was scoreless and so the clock was set at six minutes with four men

aside. Every two minutes another player from each side would come off, but in a controversial decision the last few minutes saw Hanna with three on two and then two on one because of Didsbury's penalties. The result was Hanna winning the game 5-4.

An outstanding game was

played by Christensen who had to play under a lot of pressure and a lot of heart was put into the game by the players in the last few minutes. Players not mentioned, but who also contributed to the exciting games on the weekend are Les Marsten, Charles Weber and Robert Morgan.

## Dogpound Creek

Local waterway, Dogpound Creek, has historically been considered one of the most productive Brown Trout streams in western North America. As early as the 1930s and 40s it was referred to in sporting books and articles. Unfortunately, by the end of the 50s it had deteriorated significantly due to poor land use practices and other factors. The good news is that thanks to the efforts of land owners, Fish and Wildlife and various groups and individuals the stream has "bounced back" in a big way. People now comment on the wide range of bird and animal life that inhabits the areas bordering the creek-not to mention the life forms that are now to be found in the water.

Jay Wieliczko is a Fisheries Technician with over ten year experience with Alberta Fish and Wildlife. He has been involved in a wide range of projects on Dogpound Creek including Electrofishing surveys, Stream Rehabilitation and Spawning (Redd) counts.

He will be at the Olds College Faculty Lounge on March 26 at 7 p.m.



# OVERTIME

To play or not to play, that is the question. Almost everybody thinks that Wayne Gretzky is overstaying his welcome. Everyday I hear people making comments such as, "he's washed up" or "he isn't as dominant as he once was." Wake up and smell the coffee. Washed up #99 placed first in assists (72) and fifth in scoring (97). Yeah, when you start recording only around 90-100 points, it's time to take a serious look at retirement. If that's the case, then about 550 of the 600 players better hang up those blades. So he isn't

getting 150-200 points a season anymore. That doesn't mean he has to retire.

Gretzky is still a constant offensive threat everytime he is on the ice, and he's still bringing in crowds to all of the games. But perhaps the most important reason of all is being overlooked; he's still having fun.

That's really what it all boils down to isn't it? Almost every athlete will say they knew it was time to retire when they stopped having fun. Gretzky

has stated numerous times that he still enjoys playing the game. Why are we trying to rush him out the door then? That just may be a question that no one can answer.

People used to say that visually, Wayne could tell what was going to happen on the ice before it did. He was a couple of seasons ahead of everyone else.

Now at 37 years of age, the clock has decreased ever so slightly to the point where he's actually in the same time frame as the rest of his colleagues.

"To play or not to play" is no longer the question. Isn't it who will be the next great one?



Robert  
MAGEE

## Okotoks wins in close series

By Brian Longeway

The Bisons came to win, out-hustling the Colts.

Brian Santangelo, Darren Corbin and Landon Hurlburt scored in the first period for the Bisons before Ken Terpstra got the Colts on the scoreboard. His goal was assisted by Richard Westlund and Jason Haffner. The Bisons' Hurlburt and Brent Smyth scored the only goals in the second period.

The Bisons again scored at 12:39, giving Okotoks a six to one lead. But the Colts never gave up. They scored three goals in six minutes, to reduce the Bisons' lead to two goals. Steve Lyle scored assisted by Mike Brander. Then Terpstra scored assisted by Greg McMullen and Westlund. The final goal for the Colts was an unassisted goal scored by Brett Kidd. Okotoks scored an empty net goal to end the Colts chance of a comeback.

This again proved to be a very exciting game at times. When the Colts were behind by five goals many of the fans thought that they might revert to the Colts style of play in the past years, with several players getting to the showers early. But I am very proud to say they played aggressive, but clean hockey right to the end of the game. I would like to congratulate the Colts on a much improved season, and that it has been a privilege to do these game reports for the team. I wish the best to those players who won't be back next season because of age or other commitments.

## Free throw winners

The Knights of Columbus Basketball Zone Free Throw winners from the March 1 competition held in Red Deer are:

Girls 10-Brittany Meding-Trochu-first. Dusti Chayer-Drumheller-second.

Boys 10-Nick Bojda-Olds-second.

Girls 11-Teela Jensen-Olds-third.

Boys 11-Michael Zelmer-Didsbury-third.

Girls 12-Julia Pochapsky-Olds-second. Teresa Bender-Three Hills-third.

Boys 12-Brett Howard-Trochu-first.

Girls 13-Tamara Tetz-Trochu-first.

Boys 13-Cam Rollins-Olds-first.

Boys 14-Curtis Anderson-Didsbury-first.

Red Deer did not supply a complete list of winners.

These participants will take part in the provincial finals March 21 at Forest Lawn High School in Calgary.



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## Attendance record broken

The Alberta Junior Hockey League has broken its regular-season attendance record again.

AJHL attendance totalled 218,995 for 360 regular-season games, for an average of 608 per game. That represents an increase of 31,905 over the 1996-97 attendance of 187,090 and 41 fans per game over last

season's average of 567.

The Grande Prairie Storm led the league for the second straight time. Grande Prairie attracted a record 45,438 fans to 30 home games, for an average of 1,515 per game.

The Fort McMurray Oil Barons were again second, in a renovated Thickwood Heights Arena. Fort McMurray to-

talled 30,200 fans for an average of 1,007 per game.

Grande Prairie averaged 1,387 and Fort McMurray averaged 774 fans per game in 1996-97.

The Fort Saskatchewan Traders, Camrose Kodiaks and Calgary Canucks ranked third, fourth and fifth, respectively, this season.

## Colts down Okotoks in overtime

By Brian Longeway

The Colts and the Bisons played one of the best Junior B hockey games ever played in the Carstairs Arena on Monday evening. This way one of the largest crowds ever to watch a Junior B game in Carstairs. Both teams tested the opposition goalie with great shots but neither could score until the Colts scored on the powerplay at 12:21 of the first period. League leading scorer Steve Lyle received a pass from Chris Sieb and managed to put the puck behind the Okotoks goalie. There was no more scoring in the first period but many end to end rushes and some excellent saves by the goaltenders.

The Bisons opened the scoring early in the second period when Jeff Willoughby tied the score. Brian Santangelo scored an unassisted powerplay goal to give Okotoks the lead midway in the period. Ryan Berg tied the score for the Colts before the period ended assisted by Sieb and Ken Terpstra.

Mike Brander gave the Colts the lead with a powerplay goal with assists going to Richard Westlund and Lyle. However the lead was short-lived as the Bisons scored a minute later. The last eight minutes of the third period were very exciting. The Colts fans were on the edge of their seats wondering if the Colts could win and force the fifth game to be played in Okotoks. With just less than

two minutes left in the game the Colts were assessed a minor penalty and the fans thought that would end the season but the Colts hung on and kept the score tied.

In the third overtime game this year between the two teams, both teams played cautious hockey ready for that quick break-out to score the winning goal. At 5:19 the Colts were again assessed a minor penalty and again the fans were sure the Bisons high-scoring powerplay speciality team would end the season for the Colts.

But the Colts didn't sit back and wait, Westlund received a pass in between their blue and red lines and did what he does best, sped down the ice and deked-out the goalie and scored

the winning goal. A short-handed goal assisted by Lyle and Terpstra.

The second, third and fourth games of this play-off series were three of the best and most exciting games played by the Colts since they joined the Heritage Junior B League.

## Ice Stampede

By Joyce Mullen

The Mountain View Scout District Ice Stampede is scheduled for March 15, at 1:30 p.m. at the Didsbury Memorial Complex.

The first Ice Stampede was held in February 1958, in the Olds Arena, and was held yearly in turn of the towns comprising the Scout District, whose arenas were large enough.

In the 1980's, the Ice Stampedes were held outdoors, but weather and poor ice conditions forced some cancellations. Since then, the Stampedes have been held in Didsbury.

Besides having the races, there will be draws for prizes and a 50-50 draw.

Admission is \$1 for 16 years and over, \$0.50 for students under 16 and free for pre-schoolers.

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# Kingfisher to play

Kingfisher, a Christian singing team from CREW Ministries in Edmonton (their first ever trio), is excited to bring music, drama and the love of Jesus to audiences young and old and a message of hope founded in the saving love of Jesus.

The trio will be in concert at the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Didsbury on March 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Kingfisher is a group of two young females and one male. The team consists of Liz Bydeweg, from Beamsville, ON; Arnica Skulstead-Brown, from Langley, BC and Ian Wemyss from Quesnel, BC.

They are a very talented and creative group who will be travelling across Canada to delight audiences with their own special sense of humour, music, fun, drama, and a message of hope and love of Jesus. From acappella to sing-a-long, traditional to contemporary, Crew Ministries is known for combining humour and harmony as they share the Gospel with people of all ages.

CREW Ministries operates as an independent Christian ministry organization. It operates in cooperation with Lutheran Church Canada but is administered by an independent Board of Directors. CREW Ministries had its beginning in 1988 when four young men were brought together to lead singing at the 1989 National Youth Gathering; this group was called THE CREW.

# In the playoffs

The first-place St. Albert Saints will play the Olds Grizzlies and the second-place Grande Prairie Storm will play the Bow Valley Eagles in best-of-seven Alberta Junior Hockey League quarter-finals beginning March 7.

Seventh-place Bow Valley beat the Sherwood Park Crusaders 10-3 March 5, to win their best -of-three mini-series 2-1. Eighth-place Olds defeated the Calgary Royals 7-6 March 5 to win their best-of-three mini-series 2-1.

Following are the quarter-final dates:

Series C - best-of-seven quarter-final:

Friday, March 13: St. Albert at Olds, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 14: St. Albert at Olds, 7:30 p.m.

Dates and times for games five, six and seven, if necessary, to be determined.

Series D - best-of seven quarter-final:

Thursday, March 12: Grande Prairie at Bow Valley, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 13: Grande Prairie at Bow Valley, 7:30 p.m.



## HOLY HOCKEY

These little boys from Ross Ford Elementary found all sorts of ways to entertain themselves in the freshly fallen snow last week.

Photo By Nicole Smith

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### 01 ANNIVERSARY

THE FAMILIES OF Royden and Cicely Shantz extend an invitation to an open house in honor of their 50th anniversary, to be held Sun. March 22, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Church of God Hall, Carstairs. Gifts gratefully declined.

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### 02 BIRTHS

BORN TO Lori Jacobson and Jason Graden a baby girl, Cassidy Lynn on Feb. 9, 1998.

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### 06 OBITUARIES

WEINS-It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of our father, Jacob Weins. Beloved husband of our mother, Pearl of 52 years. At the Old's General Hospital on March 3, 1998, at the age of 75 after a battle with cancer. Dad is survived by his six children Ken (Colleen), Terry (Donna), Judy Turner, Brian (Glenda), Don (Wendy), Heather and companion Trudy. He also leaves behind 10 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Dad's memory will live in our hearts forever. Memorial donations may be made to The Canadian Cancer Society.

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### 07 CARDS OF THANKS

THE CASEBEER family would like to thank everyone for all their cards and condolences on the loss of a dear brother. All your kind thoughts were really appreciated. Elwood and Betty and family. Mernus and Lois and family.

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THE FAMILY OF Lillian H. Sackett wish to express their sincere thanks to family, friends, Dr. James, Homecare Nurses and Wards Drugstore for their support and loving care shown to mother over the years. A special thank you to her neighbour and friend Doreen McEwen. Your kindness will be remembered forever.

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### 09 MEMORIAM

MURRAY- In loving memory of a husband, father and grandfather, Garnet L. who passed away March 14, 1994. "We never asked for miracles. But today just one would do. To hear your voice, to see your smile, To sit with you and talk awhile. To be together in the same old way, Would be our dearest wish today. The things we feel most deeply, Are the hardest things to say, For we your family love you, In a very special way. It's lonely here without you, We miss you more each day, For life is not the same, Since you went away. The joys we shared together, Are the memories we hold dear, And the happiness you gave us, Keeps you forever near." Forever loved and remembered by wife May (Sam) children and 9 grandchildren.

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MORRISON, NEL- In loving memory of husband, dad and grandpa who left us Dec. 10/88. When thoughts go back as they often do, we treasure the memory we have of you, this day is remembered and quietly kept, no words are needed, we'll never forget. Lovingly remembered by Peggy, Ross, Karen, Linda, Ron and families.

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### 09 MEMORIAM

IN LOVING MEMORY of our parents and grandparents, "Charles and Jean Kohut" It has been many lonely years Since the day God called each of you away He gave us time in between But only to have broken hearts once again. No one will ever know What it meant to see the both of you go. One of our greatest dreams to come true Would be to sit and talk and see you both smile

To hold your hands for just awhile. But the Lord picked his two days One by one he touched your faces He held your hands and whispered low Come with me, it's time to go. The gates of Heaven opened wide twice And the angels lined up side by side twice Now the "Special Pair" were on their way together! God took our parents away Our hearts will forever hold a place That will be yours alone and no one else can take

Dear God, please watch over them in the garden of rest For here on earth they were two of the best! Forever loved and never forgotten by Louis & Cathy, Fran & Ted, Frank & Gayle, Mary Ann & Jack, Allan & Shelley, June & Bob and children.

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**CARD PARTY**-St. Hilda's Order of the Eastern Star Scholarship card party. March 14, 7:30 p.m. Masonic Hall. For tickets 335-3680 or 335-3652. 46-1t

**BRIDAL SHOWER**. Miscellaneous bridal shower for Beverlee Fulkerth and Ken Collinge March 12, 7:30 p.m. at Rosebud Hall, potluck lunch. Everyone welcome. 46-1t

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The successful candidate will possess a one-year diploma in Office Administration or a related area. Excellent interpersonal, communication and organizational skills are required. Proficiency in Microsoft Office will be an asset.

Interested applicants are invited to submit a resume quoting competition number 98030A by **Thursday, March 19, 1998** to:

**Human Resources Department, Olds College, 4500 - 50 St., Olds, AB, T4H 1R6, Fax: (403) 556-4794**

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If you have a claim against this estate, you must file your claim by April 16, 1998 and provide details of your claim with

**Alvin F. Ganser, Barrister and Solicitor**  
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## 34 PERSONALS

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## 40 SERVICES

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## 42 TENDERS

**TENDERS** are invited for the sale of the following farm land and buildings located near Killam, Alberta, Canada. S.W. 1/4 of 31 TWP 43 RGE 13 W4 and the W1/2 of 30 TWP 43 RGE 13 W4. Closing of tenders is April 15, 1998 at 2 p.m. Sale date will be April 20, 1998 at 2 p.m. Highest or any tenders not necessarily accepted. Deliver tenders to Ken Kueber or mail to: Box 714, Killam, AB, Canada, T0B 2L0. To view phone 403-385-2198. awna

## 43 TRAVEL

**KIMBERLEY,** the Ski Resort in the Bavarian City in BC, has a three day ski package starting at \$115. per person (available from March 15 to the end of the ski season). To book your Kimberley vacation package, call 1-800-667-0871. awna

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##### ICE STAMPEDE

Mountain View Scout Ice Stampedo, March 15 at 1:30 p.m. at Memorial Complex. \$1 over 16 years, students under 16 \$0.50, pre-school free.

##### POTLUCK SUPPER

Family Potluck Supper March 14 at 6 p.m. at St. Cyprian's Anglican Church Hall. Everyone welcome.

##### KINGFISHER CONCERT

Kingfisher in concert at Redeemer Lutheran Church, March 15 at 7:30 p.m. Freewill offering. For more info call 335-3161, mornings.

#### DIDSBURY

##### AWARDS ON ICE

Didsbury Minor Hockey Awards on Ice Ceremony for all levels. Everyone welcome. 6:30 p.m., March 19 at Memorial Complex.

#### ROSEBUD

##### HAM DINNER

Rosebud Community Club Ham Dinner Annual Fundraiser March 15, 12-3 p.m. \$15 family; \$7 adults; \$3.50 for 16 and under; preschool free. Everyone welcome

#### SUNDRE

##### MINI GATHERING

The Country Gospel and Bluegrass Mini Gathering at Sundre High School Gym on March 20 at 7 p.m. Adults \$5, Family \$10, 5 and under free. Please bring cookies or squares. Contact Rose Cooper (Olds) 556-8612 or Walter Loewen (Bergen) 638-4223.

#### WATER VALLEY

##### RODEO ROYALTY

Water Valley Stampede Assoc. is looking for Rodeo Queen and Princesses. Must be 16-25, have own horse. Call Carol at 637-2945 for info. Deadline is March 28.

## ONGOING EVENTS

#### CARSTAIRS

##### RECYCLING DEPOT

Carstairs Lion's Recycling Depot is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

##### CARSTAIRS T.O.P.S.

(Take Off Pounds Sensibly) welcomes new members. Meetings 7 p.m. Monday evenings. For info call Jean 637-3753 or Laurie 337-3456.

#### DIDSBURY

##### OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Overeaters Anonymous, Carstairs Catholic Parish, 302 - 11 Ave., Carstairs, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Further info. 337-3619 (Teri).

##### DIDSBURY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Bev at 335-9803 or Vivian at 335-3730.

##### ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets once every two months at the Town Office at 7 p.m. For info. call Town Office at 335-3391

#### TOY LIBRARY

Kidding Around Parents Club Toy Library: Tuesdays and Saturdays 10 - 11:30 a.m. and Thurs. evenings too, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Anglican Church Hall basement 2037 - 24 Ave. New members always welcome. More info call Pearl at 335-4787.

#### CANSURMOUNT

You are not alone. Cansurmount & Reach to Recovery, Olds, Didsbury and surrounding communities have a local group of trained volunteers who offer support to families and patients who have cancer. Please call 335-3341 for more information.

#### AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 20 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Kim at 335-9645 or Rick at 335-9525.

#### TIME OUT

Mom's Time Out and Dads Too. Every Monday (except holidays) 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.. Nominal babysitting fee. Redeemer Lutheran Church. Ph. 335-4123.

#### DIDSBURY

##### KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Hans Lucas at 337-2250.

##### O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 8:00 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Marge Steckler at 335-4281.

##### DIDSBURY MUSEUM

Won't you join us at the Museum on the 1st Thursday of every month from 2 - 4 p.m. for coffee. Everyone is welcome. We have lots to see, take a look back in history. There is no charge but of course donations are always welcome. The museum is also open on Wed., Thurs. and Fri. from 2 - 5 p.m. weekly. We're located at 2118 - 21st Ave. For more info. call 335-9295.

##### RECYCLING DEPOT

Didsbury Lions Recycle Centre open Saturdays 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Accepting newspaper, office papers, magazines, junk mail, plastic milk jugs (please clean). Phone 335-8193. Use outside bins.

#### CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

#### LIONS

Lions bartending service, call Rudy 335-9191. Lions grill rental, call Jim, 335-8193, 335-9936.

#### INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month. Phone 335-8864 or 335-2331 for information and meeting location.

#### BEAVER'S

Beaver's Monday 7-8 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

#### AL-ANON

Al-Anon meetings for families of alcoholics held every Friday at 8:30 p.m. in EV Church, next to Post Office, Didsbury. More info. 337-2622

#### DIDSBURY

##### BRIDGE CLUB

Mountain View Bridge Club meets every Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. at the Masonic Star Hall, 2037-21 Avenue, Didsbury. All bridge players welcome! For more info: 335-8846 or 335-4736.

#### LONE PINE

##### T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets every Friday at 9 a.m. at Lone Pine Hall. For information call Doreen at 335-4514.

#### OLDS

##### MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540.

#### PUBLIC SPEAKING

Join the Mountain View Presenters (MVP) Toastmasters Club in Olds. Meetings every Tuesday at Olds College, Room 108, at 7 p.m. starting September 9. For further info, call Judy Dahl at 556-7119 or Malissa at 556-8520.

#### OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS (OA)

Meet every Wednesday evening 7:30 p.m. Olds Hospital Welcome to (OA), Welcome Home! For further information contact: 556-7161 or 556-7119 evenings.

#### SUPPORT GROUP

Fibromyalgia Support Group 4th Thursday of every month, 7 p.m. at the Deer Meadow School, Olds. Contact Mei Terpstra 335-3527 for info.

#### SUNDRE

##### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Wednesdays, 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the basement of the Anglican Church. Ron 638-2736.

#### ALA TEEN

Ala Teen, Sundre United Church Basement, Wednesday 7:00 p.m. More info 638-3277.

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